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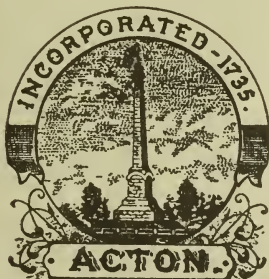
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1916

Selectmen

Charles J. Holton	Term expires 1918
Warren H. Jones	Term expires 1917
William H. Kingsley	Term expires 1919

Town Clerk

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

Frank W. Hoit

Assessors

James B. Tuttle	Term expires 1918
Arthur M. Whitcomb	Term expires 1917
William B. Franklin	Term expires 1919

Overseers of the Poor

William H. Kingsley	Warren H. Jones	Charles J. Holton
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Collector of Taxes

Arthur M. Whitcomb

Tree Warden

James O'Neil

Constables

John T. McNiff	Charles A. Taylor	Oliver D. Wood
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Field Drivers

John T. McNiff

Leon A. Gale

Elwyn T. Hollowell

Charles A. Taylor

Fence Viewers

Charles J. Holton

Warren H. Jones

William H. Kingsley

Cemetery Commissioners

Julian TuttleTerm expires 1918

Fred W. GreenTerm expires 1917

Horace F. TuttleTerm expires 1919

School Committee

Edwin A. PhalenTerm expires 1917

Herbert W. LewisTerm expires 1918

Bertram E. HallTerm expires 1919

Trustees Memorial Library

J. Sidney WhiteTerm expires 1917

Lucius A. HesseltonTerm expires 1918

Horace F. TuttleTerm expires 1919

Board of Health

Edwin A. PhalenTerm expires 1917

Frank E. TaskerTerm expires 1918

Edward C. PageTerm expires 1919

Finance Committee

James B. Tuttle

Edgar H. Hall

Asaph Merriam

Horace F. Tuttle

Arthur M. Whitcomb

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Superintendent of Streets

Albert H. Perkins

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones

Registrars of Voters

Lewis WillardTerm expires 1919

James McGreenTerm expires 1918

George E. HoltonTerm expires 1917

Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio

Election Officers**Precinct 1**

WardenJames W. Coughlin

Deputy WardenEdwin A. Phalen

ClerkHorace F. Tuttle

Deputy ClerkMoses E. Taylor

InspectorArthur F. Davis

Deputy InspectorWillis L. Holden

InspectorJames O'Neil

Deputy InspectorWilliam C. Coughlin

Precinct 2

WardenL. A. Hesselton

Deputy WardenT. F. Newton

ClerkLorenzo E. Reed

Deputy ClerkFrancis J. Crowley

InspectorL. C. Hastings

Deputy InspectorFrank A. Merriam

InspectorConstance O'Neil

Deputy InspectorDavid J. Foley

Precinct 3

Warden	Charles J. Holton
Deputy Warden	Eugene L. Hall
Clerk	David R. Kinsley
Deputy Clerk	William L. Tenney
Inspector	Fred S. Whitcomb
Deputy Inspector	C. H. Mead
Inspector	Guy P. Littlefield
Deputy Inspector	John T. McNiff

Cattle Inspector

Fred S. Whitcomb

Fire Engineers

William H. Kingsley, Chief

Precinct 1

Dexter L. Spinney, 1st Asst. Arthur F. Harris, 2nd Asst.
 E. P. Gates, 3rd Asst.

Precinct 2

Nelson J. Cole, 1st Asst. E. C. Page, 2nd Asst.
 W. H. Jones, 3rd Asst.

Precinct 3

Edgar T. Rice, 1st Asst. A. B. Parker, 2nd Asst.
 W. J. Costello, 3rd Asst.

Forest Warden

William H. Kingsley

Deputy Forest Wardens

All the above named assistant Fire Engineers

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

J. W. Dupee	Bertram D. Hall	E. C. Cheney
Charles E. Smith		Frank A. Merriam

Public Weighers

J. P. Fletcher M. E. Taylor E. C. Cheney E. F. Conant
 Thomas Hearon George H. Reed William H. Teele
 John H. Greer

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Lowell H. Cram

Superintendent of Moth Work

James O'Neil

Police Officers

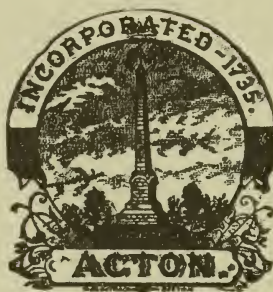
Charles A. Taylor	Oliver D. Wood
John T. McNiff	James N. Berry

Inspector of Slaughter Houses

Charles A. Dudley

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the
County aforesaid. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton, who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs therein, to meet in the town hall in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March, 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following named town officers, to wit: One town clerk for one year, one selectman for three years, three overseers of the poor for one year, one town treasurer for one year, five members of the finance committee for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, one tree warden for one year, four constables for one year, four field drivers for one year, three

fence viewers for one year, one assessor for three years, one assessor for two years to fill unexpired term, one trustee of the Memorial library for three years, one member of the school committee for three years, one cemetery commissioner for three years, one member of the board of health for three years. Also on the same ballot to vote Yes or No on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be opened at 9.30 a. m., and may be closed at 4 p. m.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2, and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officers.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial day.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.

Article 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 12. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix the price, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employes of the town, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the fire department, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for payment of premium on treasurer and collector's bond, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will install one or more street lights in Acton Center, on the Littleton road, between the schoolhouse and residence of John F. Schneider, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to improve the grounds around the town hall, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the fire engineers to make certain interior alterations in the fire house at West Acton, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the purchase and equipment of automobile trucks for the use of the fire and forest fire departments, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to re-appropriate the twenty-five dollars, appropriated at the last annual meeting, for the removal of the watering trough at the Center, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to re-appropriate the unexpended balance of money appropriated at a special town meeting for the repair of the Pope road so-called, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to petition the American Woolen Company to extend the street lighting system from "Merriman's Corner" to the Christofferson place in South Acton, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see what action the town will take on

the acceptance of Section 1, Chapter 153, of the Acts of 1916, viz: "In towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants, the annual license fee for carrying on the business of slaughtering neat cattle, sheep, or swine, shall be such sum, not exceeding one hundred dollars, as the selectmen shall fix."

Article 25. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of removing snow and sanding that part of the streets used as sidewalks, one hundred dollars to be at the disposal of each precinct and to be expended at the discretion of the selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

And you are hereby commanded to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in said town, and one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co., H. W. Lewis, Finney & Hoit, George H. Reed, and one at the Nagog House, all in said town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, or the selectmen, at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Acton, this twenty-first day of February, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen.

CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
WARREN H. JONES,

Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, March 6th, 1916

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for town officers; also to vote on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The following town officers were chosen:

Town Clerk—Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectman, three years—William H. Kingsley.

Selectman, one year—Warren H. Jones.

Assessor, three years—William B. Franklin.

Assessor, one year—Arthur M. Whitcomb.

Overseers of the Poor—William H. Kingsley, Warren H. Jones, Charles J. Holton.

Treasurer—Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes—Arthur M. Whitcomb.

Constables—John T. McNiff, Charles A. Taylor, Oliver D. Wood.

Field Drivers—John T. McNiff, Elwyn T. Hollowell, Leon A. Gale, Charles A. Taylor.

Fence Viewers—Charles J. Holton, Warren H. Jones, William H. Kingsley.

School Committee—Bertram E. Hall.

Cemetery Commissioner—Horace F. Tuttle.

Board of Health—Edward C. Page.

Trustee of Memorial Library—Horace F. Tuttle.

Tree Warden—James O'Neil.

Finance Committee—James B. Tuttle, Edgar H. Hall,

Asaph Merriam, Horace F. Tuttle, Arthur M. Whitecomb.

On the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

27 voted Yes.

138 voted No.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2 and to fix the salaries of all town officers.

Voted: To instruct the selectmen to appoint surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark.

Chose Horace F. Tuttle, trustee of Goodnow fund for three years.

Voted: That the board of health be instructed to appoint one school physician at a salary of fifty dollars per year.

Voted: That the salary of the collector of taxes be one percent of the amount collected.

Voted: That the salary of the treasurer be two hundred dollars (\$200) per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the selectmen be one hundred dollars (\$100) per annum and the other members fifty dollars (\$50) per annum each.

Voted: That the salary of the superintendent of streets be fixed by the selectmen.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officers.

Voted: To accept the reports of the several town officers.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

The committee appointed to consider the matter of by-laws reported that in their opinion it was inexpedient to adopt any special by-laws and suggested that the standing votes of the town and the provisions of the state law which have been adopted by this town, be printed in the next annual town report.

Voted: To accept the report and that its suggestions be carried out.

The committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to make an investigation concerning a supply of electric current for this town reported through its chairman, Allen Brooks Parker. The committee recommended that the town take no action at present in relation to the town supplying its own electric current for light and power.

Voted: To accept the report and give the committee a vote of thanks for their efficient services.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Voted: To raise for

Memorial day	\$150.00
Repairing roads and bridges	4,000.00
Special work on Lowell road	1,000.00
Memorial library, current expenses	450.00
Memorial library, for books	200.00.
Schools	18,000.00
Hydrant service	2,700.00
Street lighting	3,300.00
Moth work	1,005.76 .
Salaries of town officers	1,800.00

Voted: To appropriate for oiling roads such sum as the selectmen may determine.

Buildings and grounds	\$200.00
Repairing interior of town hall	300.00
Gilding faces to town clock	35.00
Removing watering trough.....	25.00
Laying water main to Woodlawn cemetery.....	500.00
Treasurer's bond	50.00
Collector's bond	100.00
Elm leaf beetle	400.00
Insurance of town employes	200.00
Police department	150.00
Fire department	400.00
Fire department for supplies	400.00
Fire department, brush fires	200.00

Board of Health	500.00
Town home	500.00
Outside poor	1,500.00
Cemeteries	700.00
Unclassified	500.00
Printing	250.00
Reserve fund	1,500.00

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted: To raise \$150 for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To re-appropriate the unexpended balance of last year for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.

Voted: To appropriate four hundred dollars, the same to cover all work done by the tree warden.

Article 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Voted: To raise the amount required by state law, or one thousand, five dollars and seventy-six cents.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Voted: That all taxes shall be payable not later than October 15, 1916, and on all taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1916, interest shall be charged at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 15, 1916, until such taxes are paid.

Voted: That poll and personal taxes only be payable on demand.

Voted that the collector shall issue summons for all poll

and personal taxes only remaining unpaid September 1, and that the collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to oil the streets in the villages of the town, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the matter be left in the hands of the selectmen.

Article 13. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix the price, or act anything thereon.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employes of the town, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate two hundred dollars to insure all employes of the town.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the fire departments, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate four hundred dollars for fire departments, and four hundred dollars for supplies, provided that any balance after the purchase of supplies may be used to pay salaries.

Article 16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money not exceeding \$500 toward the water main that is to connect Woodlawn cemetery with the town water system, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate five hundred dollars toward the water main to connect Woodlawn cemetery with the town water system.

Voted: That Edgar H. Hall, William F. Stevens and Horace F. Tuttle be a committee to act for the town in all matters relating to the laying of said water main.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the state road at a point a few rods east of the house of A. W. Davis, to the house of G. T. Sisson (known as the Gould farm), or act anything thereon.

Voted: To discontinue the road leading from the state

road at a point a few rods east of the house of A. W. Davis, to the house of G. T. Sisson (known as the Gould farm).

Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to have the hands and figures on three faces of the town clock gold-leafed.

Voted: That the matter be referred to the selectmen with power to act, and to appropriate thirty-five dollars to defray the expense.

Article 19. To see what action the town will take in reference to securing the removal of the partly burned building situated on the hotel property in Acton Center.

Voted: Unanimously that the selectmen be requested to secure the removal if possible of the partially burned building situated on the hotel property in the center of the town.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to spend fifteen hundred dollars of the money raised and appropriated for highways, for the repair of the so-called Lowell road, from the Great road to the place where it was repaired last year, provided the state and county will each appropriate like amounts for said road, or take any action thereon.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to close or discontinue the two pieces of road leading from the so-called Daniel Tuttle road, one by Dr. Allen's house, and the other crossing over by the town hall.

Voted to discontinue the two pieces of road leading from the so-called Daniel Tuttle road, one by Dr. Allen's house, and the other crossing over by the town hall.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to have the old stone watering trough that stands at the old town pump moved to some other part of the town, where it can be used for the public's benefit, and appropriate a sum of money for doing the same.

Voted: That the selectmen be instructed to remove the stone watering trough, to some place where it can be used

and that twenty-five dollars be appropriated to defray the expense.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to tint the walls and ceilings of the town hall, including ante rooms, and paint the wood work, patch the plastering and such other work to make the job complete, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Voted: To paint, decorate and repair the interior of the town hall as specified in the article, and that three hundred dollars be appropriated to pay the expense.

Article 24. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for payment of premium on treasurer's and collector's bonds, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the town reimburse the present tax collector, W. F. Stevens, for any premium he may be obliged to pay for his bond by reason of uncollected taxes. .

Voted: To appropriate fifty dollars for treasurer's bond and one hundred dollars for tax collector's bond.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm, or act anything thereon.

Voted: Not to sell the town farm.

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, March 30th, 1916.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Voted that the town treasurer, with the approval of

the selectmen, be authorized to borrow money and issue a note or notes as specified in this article.

Article 3. To see what action the town will take toward re-contracting for street lamps.

Voted: That the selectmen contract with the American Woolen Company for street lighting for five years.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to contract with the water district for the rental of hydrants on the Littleton road, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the town appropriate twenty-five dollars per hydrant for not more than five hydrants on said road, in accordance with the contract existing between the town and water district.

Article 5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to widen and repair the road leading from the house of Miss Alice Davis on the "Great road," so-called, to the house of Mrs. Gertrude C. Daniels, or pass any vote or votes thereon that the town may think proper.

Voted: That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to widen and repair the road described in the article, and that the appropriation be expended under the direction and supervision of Mrs. Gertrude C. Daniels.

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, July 10th, 1916

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to borrow the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended in repairing the road extending from the "Great road," so-called, at a point near the Webster Robbins place to the Carlisle line, as recommended by the county commissioners, or act anything thereon.

Voted: Unanimously that a sum of money not exceeding one thousand dollars be borrowed by the treasurer, with approval of the selectmen, to repair said road in accordance with this article, said sum to be payable in 1917.

State Election, November 7th, 1917.

Party designations: D., Democratic; Prog., Progressive; R., Republican; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; P., Prohibition.

	Precincts			Total
	1	2	3	
Whole number of ballots cast . . .	124	142	167	433

President and Vice President

Benson and Kirkpartrick, S.	0	1	0	1
Hanley and Landreth, P.	0	0	1	1
Hughes and Fairbanks, R.	98	87	131	316
Reimer and Harrison, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Wilson and Marshall, D.	25	51	29	105
Blanks	1	3	6	10

Governor

James Hayes, S. L.	1	0	0	1
Chester R. Lawrence, P.	1	0	4	5
Samuel W. McCall, R.	100	92	128	320
Frederick W. Mansfield, D.	18	42	24	84
Dana A. White, S.	0	1	1	2
Blanks	4	7	10	21

Lieutenant Governor

Calvin Coolidge, R.	101	98	128	327
Alfred H. Evans, P.	0	0	0	0
Sylvester J. McBride, S.	0	1	1	2

Thomas J. Maher, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Thomas P. Riley, D.	15	32	23	70
Blanks	8	10	15	33

Secretary

Thomas F. Brennan, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Leon R. Eyges, D.	15	26	18	59
Louis Adams Grout, S.	0	1	1	2
Albert P. Langtry, R.	96	102	126	324
Blanks	13	13	22	48

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill, R.	99	101	122	322
Frederick E. Oelcher, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Elam K. Sheldon, S.	0	1	1	2
Henry N. Teague, D.	15	27	22	64
Blanks	10	13	22	45

Auditor

Joseph Bearak, S.	0	1	1	2
Frank Bohmback, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Alonzo B. Cook, R.	94	101	122	317
John B. N. Soulliere, D.	16	27	17	60
Blanks	14	13	27	54

Attorney General

Henry C. Attwill, R.	95	103	123	321
Joseph Joyce Donahue, D.	15	26	18	59
Joseph Jiskra, S. L.	0	0	0	0
John Weaver Sherman, S.	1	2	1	4
Blanks	13	11	25	49

United States Senator

John F. Fitzgerald, D.	17	49	27	93
Henry Cabot Lodge, R.	99	84	120	303

William N. McDonald, S.	0	1	1	2
Blanks	8	8	19	35

Congressman Fifth District

Roger Sherman Hoar, D.	20	42	28	90
John Jacob Rogers, R.	97	96	131	324
Blanks	7	4	8	19

Councillor Sixth District

James G. Harris, R.	96	105	117	318
Blanks	28	37	50	115

Senator Seventh Middlesex District

Frederick W. Burke, D.	15	30	17	62
Charles A. Kimball, R.	101	105	132	338
Blanks	8	7	18	33

Representative in General Court

Walter Perham, R.	101	112	126	339
J. T. McNiff	0	0	1	1
Blanks	23	30	40	93

County Commissioner

Erson B. Barlow, R.	96	108	116	320
Blanks	28	34	51	113

Associate Commissioners

Frederic P. Barnes, R.	81	94	113	288
H. Harding Hale, R.	71	83	75	229
Blanks				

District Attorney Northern District

William R. Scharton, D.	14	25	18	56
Nathan A. Tufts, R.	100	109	125	334
Blanks	10	9	24	43

Clerk of Courts

William C. Dillingham, R.	90	106	115	311
Blanks	34	36	52	122

Register of Deeds

Thomas Leighton, Jr., R.	94	106	111	311
Blanks	30	36	56	122

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Frederick M. Esty, R.	91	97	111	299
Timothy E. Quinn, D.	12	20	14	46
Blanks	21	25	42	88

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the Commonwealth?

Yes	35	43	42	120
No	32	39	38	109
Blanks	57	60	87	204

Shall an act by the General Court in the year 1916, to make the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?

Yes	40	69	63	172
No	38	43	54	135
Blanks	46	30	50	126

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1916, entitled, "An act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party" be approved and become law?

Yes	46	48	65	169
No	21	30	32	83
Blanks	47	44	70	181

Vote for Representative in the Eleventh Middlesex District

Walter Perham of Chelmsford, R.

	Acton	Bedford	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Littleton	Tyngsboro	Westford	Total
Walter Perham of Chelmsford, R.	339	194	79	743	162	134	293	1944
Scattering	1	1			1			3
Blanks	93	89	34	245	64	35	143	703
	433	284	113	988	227	169	436	2650

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Whole number recorded	34
Born in Acton	28
Males	16
Females	18

Marriages

Whole number recorded	29
Residents of Acton	43
Residents of other places	15

Deaths

Whole number recorded	24
Residents of Acton	23
Residents of other places	1
Occurring in Acton	23
Occurring in other places	1
Average age, years	61 plus

Note. The town clerk requests information of any error or omission in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

The town clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the returns of births and deaths.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1916

No.	Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
	1915		
1.	May	22. Chamberlin, Phineas Arthur	Theodore and Martha C. (Clough)
	1916		
2.	Aug.	25. Anderson, Robert Frank	Frank H. and Marguerite D. (Osborn)
3.	Aug.	17. Anderson, John Henry	John and Olga (Osberg)
4.	July	31. Braman, Clarence Edward	James W. and Edith F. (Evans)
5.	Aug.	4. Bunda, Luluka	Nicholas and Hopka (Ocherak)
6.	Feb.	7. Cann, Irene Elizabeth	George A. and Hazel M. (McCrady)
7.	June	12. Culver, Carol	Roy R. and Evelyn B. (Dodge)
8.	Oct.	21. Charter, Wesley Davis	William W. and Mary E. (Davis)
9.	Sept.	6. Conquest, John Francis	James Edward and Lena May (Dubey)
10.	June	24. Crowley, Margaret Elizabeth	Francis Joseph and Mary Ella (Baker)
11.	Dec.	1. Crosby, Carroll Leone	William C. and Vinnie (Olmsted)
12.	Dec.	4. De Benedetto, Chiarina	William and Maria (Domenica)
13.	July	5. De Fegueredo, Joseph Soares	Antonio and Rose Pacheco (Silva)
14.	May	1. Gates, Ester Elizabeth	Emerick P. and Nellie E. (Porter)
15.	March	4. Graff, Gladys Olivia	Gustav Magnus and Alice Josephine (Christian-sen)
16.	May	16. Hittinger, Virginia Matilda	Harry A. and Florence A. (McNiff)
17.	Nov.	11. Hopps, Lewis Herbert	John E. and Elizabeth (LeClair)
18.	Oct.	1. Ineson, Mildred	Benjamin J. and Mildred J. (Battles)
19.	May	2. Kimball, June	Benjamin Milton and Lena H. (Loker)
20.	June	11. Lawrey, Donald	George F. and Elizabeth G. (Daley)
21.	July	22. Lundblad, Elizabeth	Emil O. and Mary E. (Jordan)
22.	Sept.	15. Mauro, Carmenilla	Frank and Mary (Palma)

23.	Oct.	8.	Mauro, Joseph	Joseph and Pasqualina (Padula)
24.	Oct.	16.	McNiff, Mary Elizabeth	John T. and Elizabeth F. (Cotter)
25.	Nov.	9.	Medeiros, Elinor Isabelle	Antonio F. and Maybelle (Tape)
26.	March	2.	Mitchell, William Theodore	William M. and Margaret F. (O'Brion)
27.	July	4.	Perkins, LaForrest Wood	Levi W. and Alice M. (Rice)
28.	July	3.	Rothberg, Albert	Max and Freida (Bravin)
29.	Feb.	20.	Sluyski, Dorothea	Michael and Elizabeth (Senoski)
30.	Oct.	18.	Thatcher, Robert Henry	John Henry and Mary Angeline (Bayeur)
31.	Aug.	18.	Taylor, Charles Parkhurst	Walter I. and Harriet F. (Butterfield)
32.	March	24.	West, Annie May	Hugh E. and Myrtle May (Rudolph)
33.	Aug.	4.	Willis, Ruby Amanda	Carl Edward and Margaret E. (Boulder)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1916

No.	Date 1916	Place	Names	Residences
1.	Dec.	Acton	Clemence, Richard Haskell	Cleveland, Ohio
2.	June	Acton	Wood, Helen Atherton	Acton
3.	July	Acton	Chisholm, William Roderick	Concord
4.	Nov.	Belmont	Haniford, Helen Gertrude	West Acton
5.	Oct.	Maynard	Cutoi, Frank	West Acton
6.	June	Acton	Menza, Angelina	West Acton
7.	Nov.	West Acton	Davis, Charles E.	Acton
8.	Oct.	Newton	Turner, Estelle B.	Acton
9.	Sept.	Concord	Dintino, Donato	South Acton
10.	May	West Acton	De Benedetto, Maria	South Acton
11.	Jan.	Dorset, Vt.	Dillon, Stephen North	Dorchester
			Harris, Rilla Lester	Acton
			Gallagher, Thomas Charles	Waltham
			Callan, Catherine Josephine	South Acton
			Gallagher, Frank A.	Acton
			Boardman, Sarah	Newton
			Griffin, Franklin E.	Burlington, Vt.
			Daniels, Isabella Barker	Acton
			Hayward, Earl F.	South Acton
			Davis, Ethelyn M.	South Acton
			Heath, Lawrence E.	West Acton
			Andrews, Louise E.	Dorset, Vt.

12.	March	22..	Maynard	.....	Hittinger, Harry Albert	.....	West Acton
13.	July	8..	Concord	.....	McNiff, Florence A.	.....	West Acton
14.	March	4..	Lowell	.....	Lane, Harry Hector	.....	Auburndale
15.	Sept.	10..	Concord	.....	Fullonton, Maude Lena	.....	South Acton
16.	July	3..	Maynard	.....	Lawrey, George F.	.....	East Acton
17.	Oct.	14..	South Acton	.....	Daley, Elizabeth G.	.....	East Acton
18.	Oct.	17..	Concord	.....	Lindsay, Leon B.	.....	Acton
19.	July	8..	Acton	.....	Lee, Emma	.....	Concord
20.	June	28..	West Acton	.....	Lysko, Gregory	.....	Maynard
21.	June	27..	Maynard	.....	Sawicky, Tatanna	.....	South Acton
22.	Oct.	4..	West Acton	.....	Merriam, Harold Asaph	.....	South Acton
23.	Sept.	18..	West Acton	.....	Hodgen, Gladys Miriam	.....	South Acton
24.	June	29..	West Acton	.....	Marion, Gardner S.	.....	Brookline
					Pope, Margaret W.	.....	Acton
					Mauro, Toni	.....	South Acton
					Mauariello, Mackelina	.....	South Acton
					MacDougall, Dan Norman	.....	West Acton
					Perkins, Eva Louise	.....	West Acton
					Oelschlegel, Fritz W.	.....	West Acton
					Jackson, Elizabeth	.....	Maynard
					Park, Wisner Irving	.....	Concord
					MacGregor, Gladys Marie	.....	West Acton
					Reed, Joseph Hosmer	.....	West Acton
					Benjamin, Cora Evelyn	.....	West Acton
					Smith, Horace Benjamin	.....	West Acton
					Feltus, Myrtle Adams	.....	West Acton

25.	May	10..	West Acton	Stevens, Edwin W.	West Acton
26.	July	15..	West Acton	Hosmer, Myra E. R.	West Acton
27.	Feb.	17..	Tewksbury	Sweet, Charles Craig	South Acton
28.	June	17..	Acton	Smith, Eva Miles	South Acton
29.	April	14..	Brattleboro, Vt.	Tuttle, Howard Knowlton	South Acton
				Manley, Louise Genevieve	Tewksbury
				White, Leonard Dupee	Acton
				Holden, Una Lucille	Acton
				Whitney, Harold T.	West Acton
				Jenkins, Dorothy B.	Greenfield

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1916

Names

No.	Date	Names	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Da.
1.	Aug. 24.....	Armstrong, Martha Page	92	0	7
2.	April 16.....	Baird, Sarah A.	55	0	26
3.	March 9.....	Barker, Emma E.	78	10	19
4.	Feb. 12.....	Barrow, Amy W.	31	5	12
5.	Sept. 17.....	Billings, Martha A.	85	5	30
6.	Nov. 19.....	Brooks, Chester C.	23	6	2
7.	Aug. 6.....	Briggs, Lucy A.	24	9	17
8.	Aug. 16.....	Breth, Sarah	55		
9.	Oct. 20.....	Charter, Elizabeth R.		11	24
10.	July 10.....	Crowley, Bridget Josephine	66		
11.	July 21.....	Cuttell, Ann	80	5	28
12.	Nov. 16.....	Gilmore, Emaline A.	73	9	4
13.	June 28.....	Grimes, Mary E.	74	7	19
14.	March 7.....	Hosmer, Augustine	78	2	19
15.	Jan. 5.....	Keyes, George R.	66		
16.	Dec. 7.....	Pierce, Charles H.	82	2	1
17.	Sept. 29.....	Stevens, Myra E. R.	66	5	9
18.	Oct. 12.....	Tarbell, Amelia D.	79	6	17
19.	Feb. 7.....	Taylor, Clara Tuttle	62	6	7
20.	Jan. 1.....	Tuttle, Daniel	73	10	8
21.	March 28.....	Tuttle, Henry Waldo	68	5	8
22.	May 26.....	Tuosfsky, Peter	1	6	0
23.	May 20.....	White, John	84	7	19

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1916

No.	Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Da.	Place of Death	Place of Burial
1.	April 17..	Armstrong, Arthur W.	62	7	9	Springfield	Mt. Hope
2.	April 13..	Brown, William Curtis ...	3	3	6	Belmont	Woodlawn
3.	Dec. 11..	Carlisle, Eleanor	82	10	1	Medford	Mt. Hope
4.	Feb. 16..	Dow, Edmund	86	4	20	Concord	Woodlawn
5.	Aug. 3..	Folger, Zenas	85	9	3	Boston	Mt. Hope
6.	Jan. 9..	Hersey, Ellen M. (Hayward)	66	4	27	Hopedale	Mt. Hope
7.	June 3..	Hayward, Margaret A. V. .	62	3	20	Boxboro	Mt. Hope
8.	April 16..	Little, Ann Eliza	84		29	Watertown	Mt. Hope
9.	April 26..	Mason, Etta T.	52	8	17	Lynn	Mt. Hope
10.	Sept. 28..	Marshall, Frank	60	10	13	Brookline	Woodlawn
11.	April 7..	Whitney, Marion	1	3	5	Winchendon	Mt. Hope

(1907)

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1916

Amadon, L. Q.	\$2.00	Greenleaf Kennels, 2	
Brown, James A.	2.00	females; 1 male ...	12.00
Bradford, Fred W. R.	2.00	Gilmore, A. H.	2.00
Baird, Edson	2.00	Green, Fred W.	2.00
Bragan, Thomas B. ..	2.00	Hayward, George ...	2.00
Brown, Murray	2.00	Hunt, Roy W.	2.00
Bursaw, H. W.	2.00	Hazel, Mary D.	2.00
Baker, Ralph G.	2.00	Hoit, F. W.	2.00
Brill, Fred E.	2.00	Harris, Hattie B.	5.00
Bradbury, Rolfe	2.00	Holden, F. H.	2.00
Barteaux, Arthur	5.00	Jones, Warren H. ...	2.00
Bacon, Frederic C. ...	2.00	Jones, Ralph T.	2.00
Clapp, George E.	2.00	Knowlton, Helen A. .	2.00
Capelle, C. H.	2.00	Kimball, Elnathan J.,	2.00
Coughlin, John	2.00	Kimball, B. Milton ..	2.00
Culver, Roy C.	5.00	Kennedy, Duncan S. .	5.00
Conrad, William	2.00	Lewis, Herbert W. ...	2.00
Crosby, William C. ..	2.00	Livermore, William J.	2.00
Charter, William W. .	2.00	Laffin, Sidney	2.00
Cole, Thomas W.	2.00	Libby, George A.	5.00
Crosby, Clarence L. ..	2.00	Lucier, Joseph	2.00
Daniels, G. E.	2.00	Marsh, A. W.	2.00
Daniels, Isabella B. ..	2.00	Moore, J. Sterling ...	2.00
De Fegueredo, Antonio	2.00	McGregor, Stuart ...	2.00
Davis, Charles E.	2.00	Maynard, F. B.	5.00
Davis, Wendell F. (2)	4.00	Millan, Albion L. (2)	4.00
Davis, Minnie	2.00	Manson, H. and G. (2)	7.00
Dole, Cyrus G.	2.00	Mekkelsen, Soren ...	2.00
Densmore, J. A.	2.00	Mekkelsen, Jens	2.00
Dean, William H. ...	2.00	Moore, William J. ...	2.00
Enneguess, Michael ..	2.00	Morrison, F. D.	2.00
Edney, Charles F. ...	2.00	Nealey, Edward F. ..	5.00
Ford, Isaac S.	2.00	Newsham, Thomas ...	5.00
Farrand, W. H.	2.00	Osborn, Edgar W. ...	2.00
Farrar, Daniel H. ...	2.00	O'Connell, Michael ..	2.00
Fletcher, Lester N. (2)	7.00	Olsen, Simon	2.00
Foster, S. J.	2.00	Palma, John	2.00
Flagg, Alden	2.00	Priest, H. L.	5.00
		Perkins, Levi	2.00

Perkins, A. H.	2.00	Tuttle, Arthur (3) ..	6.00
Pope, Benjamin (5) ..	10.00	Tucker, George S. ...	2.00
Page, E. C.	2.00	Turnbull, George	2.00
Ring, Mrs. John E. ..	5.00	Taylor, Charles A. (2)	7.00
Rivers, Edward E. (2)	7.00	Taylor, Moses E.	2.00
Reed, Howard	5.00	Weeks, Elinor F. ...	2.00
Robbins, Solon	2.00	Wood, Fred W.	2.00
Russell, John H.	2.00	West, Mrs. I. C.	2.00
Richardson, George A.	5.00	Willis, Ora A.	2.00
Sanborn, Everett R. .	2.00	Worden, Martin H. ..	2.00
Stearns, Clifton S. ...	2.00	Whitcomb, Fred S. ..	2.00
Schofield, Harris C. (2)	4.00	Watkins, J. H.	2.00
Smith, Albert	2.00	Wheeler, Charles H.	
Smith, Eva M.	2.00	(2)	7.00
Smith, John D.	2.00	Williams, William ...	2.00
Townsend, P. C.	2.00	Weaver, George T. (2)	10.00

103 licenses @ \$2.00 \$206.00

21 licenses @ \$5.00 105.00

\$311.00

Deduct fees, 124 licenses at 20c each 24.80

\$286.20

Paid to county treasurer \$280.80

Due county treasurer 5.40

\$286.20

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town:

Your board has carried out the wishes and instructions of the town, as far as possible, considering the adverse conditions existing the past year. As a result of the thaw of January of 1916, we found both stone and gravel roads in very bad shape, and, this, coupled with heavy and continuous rains through spring and early summer, with scarcity and increased cost of labor detained us from doing as much as we wished on repairs. We believed that the town should conserve as far as possible, the stone roads already built, and towards that end, as soon as weather would permit, we resurfaced and repaired such as needed it most; notably between West and South, and the hill near "Wheeler's Corner," at the Center. For this purpose (with the exception of one car of "Pea" stone which we purchased for patching) we crushed and laid some 800 tons of stone in these repairs. We also continued the rebuilding of the "Lowell Road" so far as the appropriation of the town, and the contributions of the state and county would permit. We would recommend that the town expend a like amount to continue the work this year.

Finding that the price of road oil had advanced about seventy-five percent, we decided to oil the stone roads only; using for this purpose one carload of oil.

Of the one thousand dollars of the "Pope Road" money, some \$758.00 was expended, weather conditions stopping the work. The interior of the town hall will tell you that the appropriation for re-decorating was well spent.

We have not at this writing found a suitable location for

the old stone trough at the Center, but hope to make some arrangement soon, whereby it will continue the usefulness designed by its giver. We recommend that the sum of \$5,000 be raised and appropriated for the repair of roads and bridges this year. We append a brief statement of principal disbursements of road moneys:

Crushing and laying stone	\$1,202.12
Scrapping and cleaning up roads	1,040.22
Graveling roads	327.00
Patching with oil	347.90
Miscellaneous	870.03
Fencing	63.07
Gravel	48.45
Snow expense	350.14
Oiling (labor)	304.70
Culverts	47.13
Pope road	758.00
Lowell road	2,839.62

CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
WARREN H. JONES,
Selectmen of Acton.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Acton:

I submit my report as tree warden.

The town raised for this department \$400.00. Expended as follows:

Paid James O'Neil, labor, team expenses	\$145.78	
Martin Brown, labor	76.50	
Pat Pickett	22.50	
W. H. Kingsley, team	19.25	
John Murphy, labor	6.00	
State, arsenate of lead	92.25	
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		\$362.28
Received for private trimming		23.00
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		\$339.28

I would recommend the raising of \$400.00 for this department.

JAMES O'NEIL,
Tree Warden.

January 22, 1917.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The board of health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1916:

Burial permits issued in Acton	22
Burial permits issued in other places	1

List of contagious diseases reported by the board of health, January 1, 1916, to December 31, 1916:

Anterior poliomyelitis	1
Chicken-pox	5
German measles	3
Measles	1
Scarlet fever	2
Tuberculosis pulmonary	2
Whooping cough	32
Deaths from contagious diseases	1

Meat Inspected for the Town

	Inspected	Condemned
Cattle	1074	8
Veals	815	27
Hogs	333	9
Lambs or Sheep	41	0

Your board would recommend the appropriation of \$1,500.00 for our use the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH,

By E. C. Page, Secy.

January 1, 1917.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1916:

Number of milch cows	502
Number of dry cows	125
Number of young cattle	175
Number of bulls	25
Number of swine	142
Number of sheep	14
Stables inspected	105
Condemned in the year with tuberculosis	17

FRED S. WHITCOMB,
Inspector.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Acton, Mass. :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report for the year 1916:

General Government

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
Appropriation collector's and treasurer's bonds	150.00
Received from sealer of weights and measures	52.06
Transferred from reserve fund	63.15
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$2,065.21

Selectmen's Department

Paid:

C. J. Holton, salary	\$100.00
W. H. Jones, salary	50.00
W. H. Kingsley, salary	50.00
E. Z. Stanley, postage, 1915	3.62
W. H. Jones, postage	1.20
C. J. Holton, postage, telephones, etc.	10.71
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$215.53

Auditing and Accounting Department

Paid:

Howard L. Jones, salary balance 1915	\$52.80
Howard L. Jones, salary 1916	138.00
Howard L. Jones, postage and stationery	1.11
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$191.91

Treasurer's Department

Paid:

Frank W. Hoit, salary	\$200.00
American Surety Company, bond ...	50.00
Frank W. Hoit, postage, telephones ..	27.64
Frank W. Hoit, certifying notes	10.00

 \$287.64

Collector's Department

Paid:

William F. Stevens, salary	\$71.17
William F. Stevens, expenses .....	.66
A. M. Whitecomb, salary	368.98
A. M. Whitecomb, books, postage, rubber stamps, stationery	18.06
American Surety Company, bonds ...	115.00

 \$573.87

Assessors' Department

Paid:

James B. Tuttle, salary	\$75.00
A. M. Whitecomb, salary	60.00
William B. Franklin, salary	55.00
A. M. Whitecomb, copying valuation book	15.00
A. M. Whitecomb, book, express, stationery, etc.	9.70
E. W. Prescott, services in regard to stockholders in various foreign corporations	24.00

 \$238.70

Town Clerk's Department

Paid:

Horace F. Tuttle, salary	\$45.00
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Horace F. Tuttle, postage, telephones, etc.	14.50
Horace F. Tuttle, attending meeting at Chelmsford	3.00
Horace F. Tuttle, collecting and re- cording births	16.50
Horace F. Tuttle, recording deaths ..	4.80
Horace F. Tuttle, recording marriages	5.80
A. H. Bartlett Company, birth pads ..	.50
Dura Binding Company, 2 town reports	1.90

\$92.00

Overseers of Poor Department

Paid:

William H. Kingsley, salary	\$50.00
Warren H. Jones, salary	20.00
Charles J. Holton, salary	20.00
William H. Kingsley, postage and tele- phone	2.31

\$92.31

Town Physician

Paid:

Hall Staples, salary	\$25.00
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\$25.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid:

L. H. Cram, salary	\$60.00
L. H. Cram, livery expenses	10.00

\$70.00

Cattle Inspector

Paid:

Fred S. Whitcomb, salary	\$100.00
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\$100.00

Election and Registration

Paid:

Horace F. Tuttle, registrar	\$25.00
Lewis T. Willard, registrar	20.00
G. E. Holton, registrar	20.00
H. F. Robbins, election officer	2.50
I. S. Ford, election officer	2.50
R. W. Porter, election officer	2.50
C. D. Cram, election officer	2.50
J. O'Neil, election officer	5.00
F. S. Whitcomb, election officer	7.50
W. H. Kingsley, election officer	2.50
L. A. Hesselton, election officer	7.50
L. C. Hastings, election officer	7.50
L. E. Reed, election officer	7.50
C. O'Neil, election officer	7.50
C. J. Holton, election officer	5.00
J. T. McNiff, election officer	5.00
H. F. Tuttle, election officer	5.00
R. W. Porter, placing booths	2.50
L. C. Hastings, placing booths	3.75
L. C. Hastings, repairing ballot box ..	1.00
F. S. Glines, opening schoolhouse	2.00
Universalist society, rent of vestry ..	9.00
J. T. McNiff, posting warrants and re- turning ballots to town clerk ...	20.00
A. F. Davis, election officer	5.00
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	\$178.25
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Total general government	\$2,065.21
Due from state for cattle inspection ..	\$100.00

Buildings and Grounds

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Appropriation decorating and painting hall	300.00	
Appropriation gilding clock	35.00	
Received from rent	98.00	
Received old pump	7.50	
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		\$640.50
Paid:		
R. W. Porter, janitor and labor on grounds	\$92.55	
American Woolen Company, lighting,	41.06	
West & South Water Supply District .	18.00	
J. W. Livermore, work on common ..	8.45	
L. T. Fullonton, painting	285.00	
L. T. Fullonton, gilding clock	24.00	
L. T. Fullonton, setting glass	3.00	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, coal	32.08	
Dexter Spinney, wood	6.00	
William H. Kingsley, repairs	2.50	
Town farm, wood	5.00	
O. D. Wood, repairs	7.00	
Davis, King Company, wiring	7.50	
E. P. Gates, repairs	2.80	
M. E. Taylor & Company, supplies ...	14.20	
R. W. Porter, care of clock	25.00	
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		\$574.14
Unexpended		66.36
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		\$640.50

Protection Persons and Property

Police

Appropriation	\$150.00	
Received for court fees	24.32	
Received D. D. Tinnio, private work .	3.00	
Transferred from reserve fund	22.13	
		\$199.45.
Paid:		
C. A. Taylor, duty	\$35.35	
C. A. Taylor, court fees	6.45	
J. T. McNiff, duty	24.00	
J. T. McNiff, court fees	33.65	
H. E. Gates, special duty	2.50	
P. Callan, special duty	5.00	
Edson Baird, special duty	5.00	
J. N. Berry, special duty	13.00	
L. Kempton, special duty	20.00	
O. D. Wood, duty	21.50	
C. J. Holton, use of auto	8.00	
J. Shaughnessy, prosecuting case against dance hall disturbers ...	25.00	
		\$199.45

Enforcement of Liquor Law

Appropriation	\$830.30
Unexpended	830.30

Fire Department

Appropriations	\$800.00
Paid:	
West & South Water Supply District,	\$30.00
C. E. Smith, watching fire	2.00

South Acton Department, lighting ...	11.14
South Acton Department, janitor	31.50
C. H. Mead & Company, supplies	14.54
American Woolen Company, lighting,	4.53
Gutta Percha Rubber Manufacturing Company, hose	315.00
F. Oelschlegal, belts	13.60
William H. Kingsley, labor at fire ...	4.50
J. T. McNiff, labor and supplies	4.50
J. P. Brown, repairs	15.60
E. C. Page, cleaning	6.98
Carl Jones, cleaning	1.50
James J. Cole, cleaning	4.02
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, coal	7.51
West Acton Department	25.25
West Acton Department, salaries	95.00
N. J. Cole, lighting	5.58
N. J. Cole, hanging door	1.14
N. J. Cole (3) engineers	15.00
South Acton Department, pay roll ...	12.00
W. H. Kingsley, engineer	5.00
E. P. Gates, engineer	5.00
A. F. Harris, engineer	5.00

Total maintenance fire depart- ment	\$635.89
Unexpended	164.11

\$800.00

Hydrant Service

Appropriation	\$2,700.00
Paid:	
West and South Water Supply Dis-	

trict, hydrant rental	\$2,500.00	
Town of Concord, hydrant rental ...	184.00	
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		\$2,684.00
Unexpended		16.00
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		\$2,700.00

Appropriation of \$125.00 made at special town meeting for hydrants on Littleton road, unexpended.

Brush Fires

Appropriation		\$200.00
Paid:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, supplies	\$33.58	
Badger Fire Extinguisher Company, (10) extinguishers	85.00	
A. F. Harris	2.80	
Allen Frost .....	.75	
A. B. Parker .....	.70	
E. T. Rice	1.70	
W. J. Costello .....	.70	
William Stevenson .....	.75	
O. Spinney .....	.75	
B. Littlefield .....	.50	
S. McGregor .....	.50	
R. Davis .....	.50	
R. Griffin .....	.50	
F. Oelschelegal .....	.50	
J. Young50	
W. Davis50	
D. Spinney	3.00	
E. C. Page	5.60	

A. F. Blanchard	4.50	
Henry Thatcher	1.25	
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		\$144.58
Unexpended		55.42
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		\$200.00

Health and Sanitation

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Received for inspection	12.55	
Transferred from reserve fund	121.16	
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		\$633.71

Paid:

Carter, Carter and Meigs, form	\$6.18	
Concord public library, book84	
C. A. Dudley, inspection	412.61	
E. C. Page, fumigating, etc.	71.50	
F. K. Shaw, school physician	50.00	
H. S. Turner, printing	6.58	
Asa Parlin, opening Center school and removing sealing paper	2.00	
Boston Consumptives hospital	78.00	
W. A. Flint, rent of land for dump ..	6.00	
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		\$633.71

Due from Edward Murphy, inspection	\$63.00
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Moth Department

Appropriation	\$1,005.76
Received state treasurer, gypsy moth,	180.59
Received state treasurer, state high- way	25.63

Received state treasurer, state highway	109.50	
Received tree warden, account lead ..	92.25	
Private work	146.50	
Lead sold	440.22	
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		\$2,000.45

Paid:

James O'Neil, labor	\$1,745.48	
James O'Neil, labor, state highway work	66.88	
Maynard & Acton Oil Company, gasoline	25.00	
Balance due from state, January 1st, 1916	351.38	
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		\$2,188.74
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		\$188.29
Less work on state highway	66.88	
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Balance due from state, January 1st, 1917		\$121.41

*Note. By error the accountant in his last report made amount due from the state on January 1st, 1916. \$517.18; the amount should have been \$351.38.

Tree Warden

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Received private work	23.00	
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		\$423.00

Paid:

James O'Neil, labor	\$270.03
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Moth department, lead	92.25	
		\$362.28
Unexpended		60.72
		<hr/> \$423.00

Highways and Bridges

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Appropriation Lowell road	1,000.00	
Appropriation oiling roads	693.61	
Appropriation Pope road	1,000.00	
Received:		
Town of Westford, use of roller	20.00	
Street dust	1.75	
Town of Sudbury, use of sprinkler ...	6.75	
Concord, Maynard & H. St. R. R. Co.,	4.00	
South Acton Improvement Society,		
oiling	5.00	
State treasurer, account Lowell road,	800.00	
County treasurer, account Lowell road	900.00	
		<hr/> \$8,431.11
Paid:		
A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	\$2,519.96	
W. H. Kingsley, pay rolls	208.14	
W. B. Franklin, labor, teams	103.25	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Com-		
pany, supplies	159.94	
Edson Baird, labor	4.00	
B. F. Townsend, pipe	1.92	
J. T. McNiff, repairs	9.40	
J. Mekkelson, teaming	5.00	
J. Baker, Jr., liquid asphalt	101.65	
Massachusetts Broken Stone Com-		
pany, stone	37.00	

Dyar Supply Company, signs	11.50
Lunt, Moss Company, supplies	37.74
Standard Oil Company, gasoline	75.25
Buffalo Steam Roller Company, repairs	15.14
George H. Reed, coal	1.60
W. H. Jones, teaming and labor	114.50
Davis, King Company, batteries and gasoline	5.55
E. T. Rice, supplies	2.60
Barbour, Stockwell Company, grate,	14.50
C. H. Mead & Company, supplies	62.96
M. E. Taylor & Company, supplies ..	36.54
J. P. Brown, jobbing	6.72
E. P. Gates, jobbing	14.15

\$3,549.01

Oiling

Paid:

Alden Speares Company, oil	\$490.56
A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	203.05

\$693.61

Lowell Road

Paid:

A. H. Perkins, pay roll	\$1,958.25
A. H. Perkins, freight	5.85
A. H. Perkins, use of auto	57.00
C. A. Frost, lighting lamps	3.55
C. A. Frost, gravel	21.05
C. A. Frost, moving barn	175.00
A. B. Frost, lighting lamps	2.25
W. H. Kingsley, pay roll	324.75
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, lumber, etc.	185.80

Whitney Coal & Grain Company, coal,	54.57
Hall Brothers, posts	45.40
E. P. Gates, irons	6.15

\$2,839.62

Pope Road

Paid:

A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	\$518.06
A. H. Perkins, use of auto	21.00
A. H. Perkins, carfare	1.92
W. H. Kingsley, pay roll	217.02

\$758.00

Snow Bills

Paid:

A. H. Perkins	\$230.80
George Greenough	60.49
J. Mekkelson	30.00
W. H. Kingsley	20.85
F. Buelette	8.00
W. H. Jones	8.00

\$358.14

Total highways and bridges	\$8,198.38
Unexpended	232.73

\$8,431.11

Appropriation of \$250.00 to repair road leading to Mrs. G. C. Daniels', unexpended.

Street Lighting

Appropriation	\$3,300.00
Paid:	

American Woolen Company	\$3,247.92	
S. Bresth, 1915-1916	8.00	
Carl Pickens, 1914-1915-1916	12.00	
Patrick Foley	4.00	
B. De Souza	4.00	
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		\$3,275.92
Unexpended		24.08
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		\$3,300.00

Charities

Town Farm

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Received from sale of product and stock	1,719.34	
Transferred from reserve fund	534.66	
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		\$2,754.00

Paid:

L. Q. Amadon, warden	\$120.00
L. Q. Amadon, supplies	2.50
L. Q. Amadon, help	60.00
C. L. Crosby, warden	360.00
C. L. Crosby, labor	191.44
C. L. Crosby, supplies and express ...	9.13
George H. Reed, grain	408.45
J. S. Moore, supplies	215.26
W. E. Whitcomb, supplies	14.39
M. E. Taylor & Company, supplies ...	403.75
S. B. Ineson, supplies	9.63
C. H. Mead & Company, supplies	258.14
Fritz Oelschelegal, repairs	19.70
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Company	15.01
J. N. Murray, professional services ..	6.00
T. F. Parker & Company, supplies	3.36

Davis, King Company, repairs	2.10
Davis, King Company, boxes	7.92
E. T. Rice, repairs	4.10
W. C. Robbins, mare	125.00
W. H. Kingsley, harness	16.00
Joseph Breck & Son, wheel	2.40
Finney & Hoit, supplies	43.02
P. W. Cunningham, supplies	2.50
C. R. Burr & Company, trees	16.00
Hall Staples, professional services ...	4.00
W. S. Kelley, labor, stock	21.30
Tuttle & Newton, cow relief	1.00
T. B. Bragan, labor	14.75
W. A. Haynes Company, Rutland F. clay	1.00
J. P. Brown, jobbing	2.00
J. W. Livermore, use of machine	4.80
Miley Soap Company, soap and disin- fectant	26.25
E. S. Fobes, pasture	9.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, coal	55.82
W. H. Kingsley, repairs	3.00
Dexter Spinney, cows	225.00
E. P. Gates, shoeing and jobbing	39.25
Hall Brothers, sawdust	10.00
Town of Acton, moth tax	18.45
Brackett, Shaw & Lunt, supplies	2.58

\$2,754.00

Outside Poor

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Received from state treasurer	5.48
Received town of Dartmouth	332.55

Received town of Templeton	121.65
Towns from reserve fund	77.93

\$2,037.61

Paid:

M. E. Taylor & Company, supplies ..	\$490.04
Tuttle & Newton, supplies	64.15
W. E. Whitcomb, supplies	305.87
Elizabeth J. Ring, board and care ...	424.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, coal	57.68
E. A. Phalen, rent	96.00
J. R. Priest, milk	15.15
Town of Braintree	3.00
Hall Staples, medical attendance	136.00
L. Davis, milk	28.05
L. Davis, rent	80.00
W. T. S. Bartlett, rent	57.00
M. Diskin, rent	70.00
City of Waltham	48.77
F. E. Tasker, medical attendance	38.50
F. R. Knowlton, rent	36.00
City of Leominster	2.52
Alice Wamboldt	27.00
E. M. Deeth	4.70
W. H. Lewis	15.68
W. H. Kingsley, teaming wood	3.00
D. Spinney, wood	22.50
Town farm, wood	12.00

\$2,037.61

Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid

Received from state treasurer	\$740.00
Amount due from state, January 1, 1916	\$740.00

Paid	686.00	
Amount due from state, January 1, 1917		686.00
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	\$1,426.00	\$1,426.00

Memorial Library

Library Expenses

Appropriation	\$450.00	
Received from fines	29.50	
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		\$479.50

Paid:

American Woolen Company, lighting and supplies	\$35.10	
O. E. Houghton, transportation books	50.00	
E. F. Conant, insurance	54.23	
F. W. Tingley, indexing	1.67	
S. H. Taylor, janitor	103.00	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, coal	73.12	
A. F. Davis, librarian	106.00	
A. F. Davis, cataloguing	10.00	
R. Farrar, printing cards	4.00	
Brookside Printing Company, slips ..	13.80	
M. E. Taylor & Company, supplies ...	9.01	
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		\$459.93
Unexpended		19.57
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		\$479.50

Library Books

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Interest on library fund	260.74	
Transferred from reserve fund	39.54	
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		\$500.28

Paid:

F. W. Tingley, cards	\$1.47
W. B. Clarke, books	366.66
Dura Binding Company	57.55
O. M. Overlock	1.25
De Wolfe, Fiske Company	13.60
H. Goldberger	42.15
Horace F. Tuttle	14.60

\$500.28

Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$700.00
Received sale of lots, Woodlawn	26.00
Received sale of lots, Mt. Hope	30.00

\$756.00

Paid:

A. H. Moore, labor	\$34.13
J. W. Livermore, labor	57.75
R. Tingley, labor	4.38
Julian Tuttle, labor	95.75
Julian Tuttle, plants	20.52
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company, lumber	16.09
F. E. Fiske, labor	14.25
J. Pederson, labor	28.75
A. H. Smith, labor	20.00
Dexter Spinney, labor	26.67
H. F. Tuttle, services as commissioner	5.00
H. F. Tuttle, recording deeds	1.00
H. F. Tuttle, services as superintend- ent	2.00
F. W. Green, labor	186.01
F. W. Green, fertilizer	9.50
West & South Water Supply District,	12.00

C. H. Mead & Company, supplies	4.45	
A. Batley, flowers	14.86	
E. T. Rice, repairs	2.00	
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		\$555.11
Unexpended		200.89
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		\$756.00

Perpetual Care

Received interest on cemetery fund . . \$424.24

Paid:

Julian Tuttle, plants	\$67.49	
Julian Tuttle, labor	215.75	
F. W. Green, labor and plants	120.00	
F. C. Hayward, interest	17.50	
George Decoster, interest	3.50	
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		\$424.24

Education

Appropriation	\$18,000.00
Received county treasurer, dog tax . .	319.32
Received state treasurer, industrial school	407.33
Received state treasurer, superintend- ent fund	343.75
Received state treasurer, tuition of children	95.38
Received Finney & Hoit, old books . .	29.42
Received L. D. White, old books	2.50
Received E. E. Babb & Company, old books	25.00
Received tuition E. Sadler	19.50

Received tuition Charlotte Gouch ...	15.75	
Received tuition town of Stow	25.50	
Received ticket refunds	6.00	
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		\$19,289.45
Paid:		
Report of school committee		\$19,289.45

Unclassified

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Received town of Boxboro, use of sprayer	20.00	
Transferred from reserve fund	579.76	
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		\$1,099.76
Paid:		
Howard Hamblen, returning births ..	\$.25	
F. E. Tasker, returning births	1.50	
Haven & Crosby, investigation of elec- tric light problem	75.00	
George Wörster, delivering reports ..	1.50	
National Express Company, express on reports	1.60	
Town of Concord, agricultural school	758.70	
D. C. Harris, bounds	1.80	
L. M. Spencer Manufacturing Com- pany, measures	2.66	
Finney & Hoit, flags	6.50	
Hobbs & Warren, book	1.00	
W. S. Greenough & Company, book .	2.00	
Hall Staples, medical attendance	230.00	
A. H. Perkins, moving safes	7.75	
W. H. Kingsley, perambulating town lines	4.50	
R. W. Porter, care of flag	5.00	
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		\$1,099.76

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$150.00
Paid:	
Isaac Davis Post G. A. R.	\$150.00

Liability Insurance

Appropriation	\$200.00
Paid:	
A. M. Whitcomb	\$121.79
Unexpended	78.21
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	\$200.00

Laying Water Main to Woodlawn Cemetery

Appropriation	\$500.00
Paid:	
West and South Water Supply District	\$500.00

Printing

Appropriation	\$250.00
Transferred from reserve fund	46.81
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	\$296.81
Paid:	
R. S. Osterhout, reports	\$196.75
R. S. Osterhout, ballots, warrants ...	67.25
P. B. Murphy, licenses .....	.75
H. S. Turner, warrants	3.50
Brookside Printing Company	1.00
W. M. Sargent	15.11
Hobbs & Warren	1.45
Enterprise Company	11.00
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	\$296.81

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Transferred to general government .	\$63.15
Transferred to police department ...	22.13
Transferred to health and sanitation,	121.16
Transferred to town farm	534.66
Transferred to outside poor	77.93
Transferred to library book account,	39.54
Transferred to printing	46.81
Transferred to unclassified	579.76
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	\$1,485.14
Unexpended	14.86
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	\$1,500.00

Interest.

Received from interest on taxes	\$280.33
Received interest on deposits	67.64
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	.\$347.97
Paid:	
First National Bank of Ayer	\$533.90

Municipal Indebtedness.

Balance due First National Bank of Ayer, January 1, 1916	\$5,000.00
Received loans, First National Bank of Ayer	28,000.00
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	\$33,000.00
Paid:	
First National Bank of Ayer	\$28,000.00
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Due First National Bank of Ayer, Jan- uary 1, 1917	\$5,000.00

Refunds.

Abatements, 1914 taxes	\$8.55
Abatements, 1915 taxes	163.64
Abatements, 1916 taxes	69.60

 \$241.79

Financial Statement.

Receipts

Due from treasurer, January 1, 1916	\$608.70
Due from collector, January 1, 1916..	7,034.55

Raised:

State tax	4,400.00
State highway tax	1,090.96
County tax	2,839.50
Overlay tax	624.65
Memorial Day	150.00
Highways and bridges	4,000.00
Special work on Lowell road	1,000.00
Memorial library expenses	450.00
Memorial library, books	200.00
Schools	18,000.00
Hydrant service	2,700.00
Street lighting	3,300.00
Moth work	1,005.76
Salaries of town officers	1,800.00

Received

Treasurer's report	42,605.19
Farm receipts	1,719.34
Interest on taxes	280.33

Moth tax	613.92
Excise tax	246.86
December assessment	56.80

\$94,726.56

Expenditures

State tax	\$4,400.00
County tax	2,839.50
State highway tax	1,090.96
General government	2,065.21
Buildings and grounds	574.14
Police department	199.45
Moth	1,837.36
Fire department	3,464.47
Street lighting	3,275.92
Highways and bridges	8,198.38
Health and sanitation	633.71
Outside poor	2,037.61
Education	19,289.45
Library expense	459.93
Library books	500.28
Cemetery	555.11
Cemetery perpetual care	424.24
Unclassified	1,099.76
Memorial day	150.00
Liability insurance	121.79
Laying water main to Woodlawn ...	500.00
State aid	686.00
Printing	296.81
Town farm	2,754.00
Municipal indebtedness	28,000.00
Interest	533.90
Tree warden	362.28

Refunds	241.79
Due from treasurer	2,532.43
Due from collector	5,602.08
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	\$94,726.56

Financial Statement for Year Ending December 30, 1916

Due from treasurer	\$2,532.43
Due from collector	5,602.08
Due from county treasurer, dog tax.	258.34
Due from state treasurer, moth work	66.88
Due from state treasurer, state aid .	686.00
Due from state treasurer, cattle inspection	100.00
Due from Edward Murphy, inspection	63.00
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	\$9,308.73

Liabilities

First National Bank of Ayer, note ... \$5,000.00

Education

Town of Concord, tuition \$1,243.04

Health and Sanitation

C. A. Dudley	\$3,325.00
E. C. Page	7.46
Smith Finney	10.00
Boston Consumptives hospital	78.00
F. E. Tasker	54.00

\$6,425.75

Balance in favor of town	<hr/> \$2,882.98
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Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. JONES.

Town Accountant.

South Acton, Mass., February 12, 1917.

I have examined the accounts of the tax collectors and treasurer of the town of Acton, and find them correct to the best of my knowledge.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for Year Ending December 31, 1916

Cash on hand, January 1st, 1916	\$608.70
State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax, public service ..	\$416.47
Corporation tax, business	5,617.24
National bank tax	507.85
State aid	740.00
Independent educational industrial schools	407.33
Highway commissioners, moth work	315.72
Highway commissioners, Lowell road	1,000.00
Street railway tax	2.31
Tuition of children	95.38
Reimbursement for loss of taxes.	188.54
Soldiers exemption	79.96
Highway commission, Lowell road	800.00
County Treasurer:	
Dog tax	319.32
Lowell road	998.31
Lowell road	900.00
Town of Concord, in lieu of Lake Na-	
gog land taxes, 1914-15-16	75.36
Cemetery lots, F. W. Green	30.00
Cemetery lots, H. F. Tuttle	26.00
Sealer of weights and measures, fees .	52.06

C. J. Holton, pool license	2.00
C. J. Holton, pool license	2.00
J. H. Mitchell, inspection of beef	12.55
A. F. Blanchard, slaughter license ...	1.00
E. T. Murphy, slaughter license	1.00
Town of Boxboro, use of sprayer	20.00
Outside police duty	3.00
Interest on deposits	67.64
Court fines	24.32
Town hall rents	98.00
Library fines	29.50
Superintendent of school fund	343.75
Town of Westford, use of road roller,	20.00
Street dirt sold	1.75
Town of Sudbury, road department ..	6.75
Street railway repairs	4.00
Private road oiling	5.00
Town of Dartmouth, outside poor ...	332.55
Town of Templeton, outside poor	121.65
Aid of mothers with dependent chil-	
dren	5.48
Old pump sold	7.50
First National Bank of Ayer, loans ..	28,000.00
Finney & Hoyt, old books	29.42
L. D. White, old books	2.50
E. E. Babb & Company, old books ...	25.00
Boston & Maine R. R., tickets returned	6.00
Tuition of Enid Saddler	19.50
Tuition of Charlotte Gouch	15.75
Tuition of Miss Morrison	25.50
Moth department, lead	92.25
James O'Neil, private tree trimming,	23.00
Interest on library fund	260.74
Interest on cemetery fund	424.24

\$42,605.19'

Town Farm Receipts:

Milk	\$913.91
Cows	235.00
Apples	376.63
Pigs	16.00
Calves	25.50
Eggs	44.44
Beans	4.88
Fowl	2.00
Bags	5.28
Peas	1.20
Telephone	1.25
Wood	90.25
Teaming gravel	2.00
Use of rake	1.00

\$1,719.34

Received of William F. Stevens, Collector:

Taxes 1914	\$512.30
Interest 1914	66.12
Taxes 1915	6,522.25
Interest 1915	192.42

\$7,293.09

Received of A. M. Whitcomb, Collector:

Taxes 1916	\$36,876.37
Interest 1916	21.79

\$36,898.16

\$89,124.48

Paid approved selectmen's orders	\$86,592.05
Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	2,532.43

\$89,124.48

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Cash Charlestown Five Cent Savings	
bank	\$1,000.00
Warren Institutions for Savings	1,000.00
Home Savings bank	1,000.00
Middlesex Institution for Savings	1,000.00
North End Savings bank	1,000.00
Interest on deposits	206.70
Bond West Shore R. R. of Susan	
Augusta and Luther Conant	
fund	1,000.00
Interest on bond	40.00
Unexpended balance	14.04
Appropriation for books	200.00
Transfer from reserve fund	39.54
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	\$6,500.28
Cash in banks	\$5,000.00
Bond, "Conant Fund"	1,000.00
Amount expended 1916	500.28
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	\$6,500.28

FRANK W. HOIT.
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONEY HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS IN CEMETERIES

Bond of West and South Water Supply

District of Acton	\$8,700.00
Balance of cemetery funds	6,152.40
Unexpended balance	862.27
Joseph Barker lot	50.00
Emma F. Blood lot	50.00
Jerome B. Whitney lot	100.00
D. J. and E. E. Wetherbee lot	200.00
Varnum Robbins lot	100.00
Sophie E. Campbell lot	200.00
Harriet W. Palmer lot	100.00
Jason W. Livermore lot	50.00
Josiah Piper lot	75.00
William F. Wood lot	50.00
John White lot	100.00
Cyrus Hale lot	100.00
Robert Wayne lot	75.00
Daniel Tuttle lot	200.00
Edwin Tarbell lot	100.00
Elisha Comstock lot	100.00
Interest on bonds	342.00
Interest on deposits	205.23

\$17,912.40

By amount paid for care of lots	\$424.24
West and South Water Supply District bonds	8,400.00
Cash in banks	8,102.90
Unexpended balance	985.26

\$17,912.40

FRANK W. HOIT.
Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation April 1, 1916

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$1,140,420.00
Land, exclusive of buildings	535,560.00
Personal estate	839,449.00
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Total valuation	\$2,515,429.00
Valuation April 1, 1915	2,487,530.00
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Increase in valuation	\$27,899.00

Rate of taxation, \$16.00.

Tax Assessed as Follows:

Real estate	\$26,815.68
Personal estate	13,431.19
Polls	1,314.00
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	\$41,560.87

December assessment	\$56.80
Moth tax	613.92
Excise tax	246.86

Amount of Money Raised

For state tax	\$4,400.00
State highway tax	1,090.96
County tax	2,839.50
Town grant	32,605.76
Overlay	624.65
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	\$41,560.87

JAMES B. TUTTLE,
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
WILLIAM B. FRANKLIN,
Assessors of Acton.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1914 Taxes

Balance uncollected, January 1, 1916,	\$512.30
Interest collected	66.12

\$578.42

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Paid treasurer	\$569.87
Abatements	8.55

\$578.42

1915 Taxes

Balance uncollected January 1, 1916.	\$6,522.25
Interest collected	192.42

\$6,714.67

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Paid treasurer	\$6,551.03
Abatements	163.64

\$6,714.67

W. F. STEVENS,
Collector.

Collected by Arthur M. Whitcomb

1916	Dr.	
Town, state and county taxes, com-		
mitted to collector, July 15, 1916.		\$41,560.87
Moth tax		613.92
December assessment		56.80
Excise tax		246.86
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		\$42,478.45
Interest collected		21.79
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		\$42,500.24
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Paid treasurer	\$36,581.70	
Paid treasurer, excise tax	246.86	
Abatements	69.60	
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		\$36,898.16
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Uncollected		\$5,602.08

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The overseers of the poor submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1916:

The cost for support of outside poor has been about the same as usual; the local case, which was approved and provided for by vote of the town, has been wisely cared for by the lady who has it in charge.

We recommend that \$1,500.00 be appropriated for this department.

The town home since April 1, has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crosby as warden and matron, and they have taken splendid care of it.

Number of inmates cared for during year	6
Number at present time	2

We recommend that \$600.00 be appropriated for this department.

Dr. Hall Staples has served as town physician during the year and has promptly performed all services required of him.

Aid Furnished Outside Poor

Expenses		\$1,924.81
Receipts	\$454.20	
Due from state	91.44	
		\$545.64
Net cost for financial year		\$1,379.17

Town Home

Expenses	\$2,754.00
Receipts	\$1,719.34
Due for apples	2.00
Due for milk	47.45
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	\$1,768.79
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Net cost for financial year	\$985.21

The increase in cost at the home is due chiefly to a short crop of apples, being about \$600.00 less than last year.

Does it pay to make milk?

First three months of this year, grain,	\$251.00
Four months, grain	364.45
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	\$615.45
First three months of this year, milk .	\$235.74
Four months, milk	725.62
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	\$961.36

Inventory at Town House, January 1, 1917:

The personal property is the same as last year, with a few changes; two cows taken by the state and three sold, buying two more to take their place. We found our horse unfit for work and bought one to take his place for \$125.00; also double harness for \$16.00; shingled one side of barn, patched house, repaired chimney; painted and papered inside of house; cost \$74.20. You are invited to visit the home at any time and see its condition and what it needs to make

it as good as we can for the purpose it is used for. We recommend that the wood and lumber be sold and the money invested; the income to be used for the support of the home.

WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
WARREN H. JONES,
CHARLES J. HOLTON,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916

We present the following schedule showing the amounts of the several funds for the perpetual care of cemetery lots and the income and expenditures on account of each fund for the year.

JULIAN TUTTLE,
FRED W. GREEN,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

CEMETERY FUNDS FOR CARE OF LOTS

Deposit No. and Date of	WOODLAWN CEMETERY NAME OF FUND	Amount Deposited	On hand Jan. 1, 1916	Income	Expended	On hand Dec. 31, 1916
1	Hepsabeth Piper	50.00	52.25	1.75	2.00	52.00
2	Frederick Rouillard	100.00	100.15	3.50	3.50	100.15
3	William W. Davis	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
4	Jedediah Tuttle	50.00	51.25	1.75	2.00	51.00
5	Mary Skinner	200.00	204.73	7.00	7.04	204.69
6	Nancy K. Handley	500.00	548.02	17.50	12.72	552.80
7	Mary Severance	100.00	103.50	3.50	3.50	103.50
8	Mary W. Chaffin	100.00	102.25	3.50	3.50	102.25
9	Warren Robbins	100.00	100.50	3.50	3.50	100.50
10	Henry Loker	100.00	102.04	3.50	4.00	101.54
11	Henry Lothrop	200.00	202.68	7.00	6.88	202.80
12	Luther W. Piper	100.00	104.15	3.50	2.96	104.69
13	James Temple	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.50	102.50
14	Fidelia Wheeler	100.00	102.07	3.50	3.50	102.07
15	William H. Chapman	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.50	102.50
16	Mary A. Robbins	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.50	102.50
17	Daniel Wetherbee	100.00	101.35	3.50	3.50	101.35
18	James Tuttle	100.00	101.64	3.50	3.46	101.68
19	Julia Morrison	75.00	76.21	2.63	3.50	75.34

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Elbridge J. Robbins
William Jennings
Adeline Weston Blood
Irving V. Whitcomb
John Fletcher
W. E. Faulkner
Amanda M. Barnard
George T. Ames
Horace Tuttle
Samuel Jones
Francis Hosmer
Mary E. Robbins
Luther and Augustine Conant
Hannah D. Robbins
Elisha H. Cutler
Nathaniel Jones
Solomon Smith
Gaius W. Allen
Varnum and Francis Tuttle
Aaron Fletcher
Mary J. Harrington
Elnathan Jones
Nathan Chaffin
Jonathan W. Loker
Rev. James T. Woodbury
Henry M. Smith
Julian Tuttle

100.00	101.00	3.50	3.00	101.50
100.00	100.00	3.50	2.00	101.50
100.00	104.61	3.50	3.00	105.11
100.00	100.20	3.50	3.50	100.20
100.00	100.33	3.50	3.50	100.33
75.00	76.14	2.63	3.00	75.77
100.00	100.97	3.50	3.50	100.97
100.00	101.68	3.50	3.46	101.72
100.00	102.59	3.50	3.50	102.59
50.00	51.22	1.75	2.00	50.97
150.00	160.97	5.25	3.50	162.72
100.00	100.72	3.50	3.25	100.97
500.00	531.27	17.50	14.00	534.77
50.00	50.67	1.75	2.00	50.92
100.00	104.00	3.50	3.50	104.00
50.00	52.00	1.75	2.00	51.75
75.00	75.25	2.63	2.50	75.38
100.00	101.32	3.50	3.35	101.47
250.00	251.94	8.75	8.00	252.69
100.00	100.65	3.50	2.00	102.15
200.00	204.95	7.00	6.00	205.95
100.00	102.20	3.50	4.00	101.70
100.00	101.67	3.50	3.50	101.67
100.00	102.96	3.50	3.50	102.96
100.00	111.16	3.50	3.00	111.66
75.00	75.57	2.63	3.00	75.20
100.00	109.50	3.50	3.00	110.00

47	James E. Harris	50.00	50.73	1.75	2.00	50.48
48	Francis Conant	100.00	101.76	3.50	3.50	101.76
49	Elbridge G. Parker	100.00	102.18	3.50	3.00	102.68
50	Lemuel and Augusta Dole	100.00	104.35	3.50	5.00	102.85
51	Edwin Fletcher	50.00	51.13	1.75	2.00	50.88
52	Nancy Raymond and Joseph Estabrook	100.00	100.22	3.50	3.50	100.22
53	Edward Tuttle	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
54	Abram H. Jones	100.00	100.44	3.50	3.50	100.44
55	Joseph A. Whitecomb	100.00	103.33	3.50	3.00	103.83
56	Isaac T. Flagg	100.00	103.04	3.50	4.00	102.54
57	Jonas K. Putney	150.00	155.71	5.25	4.50	156.46
58	Joseph Reed	50.00	52.15	1.75	1.50	52.40
59	Charlotte C. Flagg	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
60	Cyrus G. Dole	100.00	101.87	3.50	3.00	102.37
61	Daniel Fletcher	100.00	101.42	3.50	2.50	102.42
62	Asa Parker	100.00	102.83	3.50	3.50	102.83
63	William N. Wood	100.00	103.75	3.50	3.50	103.75
64	Leonard Bulette	100.00	102.20	3.50	3.50	102.20
65	Ruth Robbins	100.00	101.90	3.50	4.00	101.40
66	Henry T. Billings	100.00	100.83	3.50	4.00	100.33
67	Mary E. Lothrop	200.00	204.82	7.00	5.12	206.70
68	Lewis Wood Jr.	100.00	103.03	3.50	3.00	103.53
69	George Conant	100.00	102.16	3.50	2.00	103.66
70	Zoeth Taylor	50.00	50.98	1.75	2.00	50.73
71	Herbert S. Lane	100.00	102.08	3.50	3.50	102.08
72	George H. Harris	100.00	106.40	3.50	1.00	108.90
73	Mary W. Fletcher	100.00	102.03	3.50	5.00	100.53

74		John J. Lothrop	50.00	50.87	1.75	.....	52.62
75		Franklin P. Wood	100.00	101.16	3.50	1.50	103.16
76		Israel H. Giles	100.00	100.29	3.50	3.50	100.29
77	Jan. 27, 1916	Joseph Barker	50.00	.....	1.60	.....	51.60
78	Jan. 29, 1916	Emma F. Blood	50.00	.....	1.60	.....	51.60
79	June 16, 1916	Daniel J. and E. E. Wetherbee	200.00	.....	3.50	.....	203.50
80	July, 1916	Francis Campbell	200.00	.....	3.50	.....	203.50
81	Aug. 15, 1916	Harriet W. Palmer	100.00	.....	1.20	.....	101.20
82	Aug. 29, 1916	Jason W. Livermore	50.00	.....	.60	.....	50.60
83	Sept. 26, 1916	Josiah Piper	75.00	.....	.66	.....	75.66
84	Sept. 26, 1916	William F. Wood	50.00	.....	.44	.....	50.44
85	Sept. 27, 1916	John White	100.00	.....	.87	.....	100.87
86	Nov. 6, 1916	Cyrus Hale	100.00	.....	.30	.....	100.30
87	Dec. 20, 1916	Robert Wayne	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
88	Dec. 22, 1916	Daniel Tuttle	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00
89	Dec. 31, 1916	Edwin Tarbell	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
90	Dec. 31, 1916	Elisha Comstock	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Totals (Woodlawn)			9900.00	8703.99	310.04	273.24	10190.79

MT. HOPE CEMETERY

1	Eliza A. Whitcomb	75.00	81.76	2.62	2.25	82.13
2	Phineas Wetherbee	1 sh.FRR	30.40	5.00	2.25	33.15
3	S. Lizzie Hayward	100.00	121.10	3.50	2.25	122.35
4	Frank C. Hayward	500.00	509.33	17.50	17.50	509.33
5	George C. Wright	100.00	137.40	3.50	2.50	138.40
6	George Crampton	100.00	110.40	3.50	2.50	111.40
7	Joel Wright	100.00	112.40	3.50	2.25	113.65
8	George S. Wright	100.00	112.15	3.50	2.50	113.15
9	George C. Wright (Davis Memorial)	50.00	73.30	1.75	.....	75.05
10	B. H. and O. K. Patch	50.00	48.15	1.75	.....	49.90
11	Howard E. Faulkner	150.00	177.55	5.25	2.50	180.30
12	J. Warren Hayward	50.00	51.40	1.75	2.00	51.15
13	Lewis B. Goodnow	100.00	109.65	3.50	2.50	110.65
14	Sarah A. Hutchins	100.00	113.66	3.50	2.50	114.66
15	F. D. Walcott	100.00	114.31	3.50	2.50	115.31
16	A. Louise Warren and Sumner Hosmer.	150.00	166.02	5.25	5.00	166.27
17	John R. Houghton	100.00	111.12	3.50	2.50	112.12
18	William A. Cutler and Bradley Stone	100.00	106.08	3.50	5.00	104.58
19	John Blanchard	100.00	114.33	3.50	2.50	115.33
20	Wheeler and Shattuck	50.00	51.46	1.75	3.00	50.21
21	George H. Decoster	100.00	107.00	3.50	3.50	107.00
22	Henderson Rowell	50.00	50.03	1.75	1.75	50.03
23	Luke Blanchard	500.00	627.50	20.00	.....	647.50
24	L. Blanchard, S. Blanchard tomb	100.00	125.00	4.00	.....	129.00
25	Calvin and Luther Blanchard Mem'l	100.00	121.00	4.00	.....	125.00

26	John Temple and Edward F. Pratt	50.00	50.78	1.75	2.00	50.53
27	W. K. Davy	50.00	50.84	1.75	2.00	50.59
28	Ella F. and Lucius S. Hosmer	100.00	110.22	3.50	2.50	111.22
29	Caroline A. Hosmer	100.00	110.10	3.50	2.50	111.10
30	Isaiah Reed	100.00	109.98	3.50	2.50	110.98
31	Benjamin F. Hapgood	100.00	108.73	3.50	2.50	109.73
32	Lucy A. (Wetherbee) Burbeck	100.00	107.73	3.50	2.50	108.73
33	Francis Jones	50.00	49.54	1.75	1.25	50.04
34	Simon Hartwell	100.00	107.95	3.50	2.50	108.95
35	Emerson Fuller	100.00	106.15	3.50	2.50	107.15
36	John Porter Priest	100.00	104.65	3.50	2.50	105.65
37	Harriet Davis Brown	100.00	104.75	3.50	2.50	105.75
38	Oliver Mead	100.00	104.53	3.50	2.75	105.28
39	Bessie E. Brown	100.00	104.16	3.50	2.25	105.41
40	George Gardner	100.00	103.58	3.50	2.25	104.83
41	Hiram J. Hapgood	100.00	102.79	3.50	2.50	103.79
42	Charles Robinson	75.00	76.71	2.62	2.25	77.08
43	Emerline A. Johnson, F. E. Flint	400.00	420.77	14.00	9.00	425.77
44	H. Louis Bush	50.00	50.77	1.75	2.00	50.52
45	Nahum Littlefield	100.00	102.25	3.50	2.25	103.50
46	Francis Hayward	50.00	50.29	1.75	1.75	50.29
47	Charles S. Twichell	50.00	50.00	1.75	1.75	50.00
48	Francis Pratt	500.00	507.91	17.50	8.75	516.66
49	Marcus M. Keyes	100.00	100.58	3.50	2.00	102.08
50	Alcander P. Bean	100.00	101.45	3.50	2.50	102.45
	Bancroft Whitcomb					

51	Hobart E. Mead	100.00	100.58	3.50	2.00	102.08
52	Feb. 1, 1916 Jerome B. Whitney	100.00	.....	3.20	.....	103.20
53	July 27, 1916 Varum Robbins	100.00	.....	1.50	.....	101.50
	Totals (Mt. Hope)	6200.00	6580.29	223.19	141.00	6862.48
	Totals	16500.00	15715.17	547.23	424.24	17488.16

NORTH CEMETERY

1	Samuel Temple	50.00	51.79	1.75	1.50	52.04
2	Frances Hutchinson	50.00	52.54	1.75	1.50	52.79
3	Henrietta Anderson	50.00	52.04	1.75	1.50	52.29
4	Mary Hapgood	50.00	51.77	1.75	1.50	52.02
5	Jerusha Blood	200.00	222.75	7.00	4.00	225.75
	Totals (North)	400.00	430.89	14.00	10.00	434.89

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Investments.

Warren Institution for Savings, Book 83531	\$1,117.20
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank. Book 71200	1,000.00
City Institution for Savings, Lowell. Book 84244	1,000.00
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	\$3,117.20

Receipts.

Warren Institution for Savings, dividends	\$44.00
Charlestown Five cents Savings Bank, dividends	45.00
City Institution for Savings, dividends	40.00
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	\$129.00

Payments.

Paid Julian Tuttle, care of Goodnow lot, Woodlawn cemetery	\$7.00
Unpaid income for care of cemetery lot, deposited with Warren Institution for Savings	17.00
H. F. Robbins, treasurer of Evangelical Congregational church in Acton	105.00
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	\$129.00

LUTHER CONANT,
I. WARREN FLAGG,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Accessions: Number of volumes in the library January 1, 1916, 12,743. Increase by purchase, 310, of which 38 were obtained by binding magazines. Increase by gift, 87. Total increase, 397. Number of volumes in the library January 1, 1917, 13,140.

Circulation: Number of days library was opened, 104. Number of volumes circulated, 8,920. Daily average circulation, 85.76. Largest daily circulation, 153, on December 2. Smallest daily circulation, 37, on June 21.

Received for fines	\$29.60
Expended for postage10
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	\$29.50

Late in the fall the money drawer was broken into and the money on hand, less than a dollar, stolen.

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: U. S. government, 11; State of Massachusetts, 15; American Jewish committee, 1; A. A. Carey, 1; Carnegie Peace Foundation, 1; Fritzran Fratzius, 1; Mrs. Gertrude Daniels, 20; G. A. R. Encampment, 1; Maxim Hudson, 1; National Canners Association, 1; New Church Press, 1; Mrs. Bertha Palmer, 4; Spanish Society of New York, 1; Rev. F. W. Tingley, 27; Washburn Crosby Company, 1;—87 volumes.

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IN 1916.

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Adeney, W. F.—How to read the Bible	22-A232h
Allen, J. R.—Notes on heating and ventilation	64-A427n
Anon—National Parks portfolio	71-A100n
Anon—Outlines of economics	33-A100o
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Beals, C. E.—Religious studies for laymen	23-B366r
Beck, J. M.—The evidence in the case (great war)	940-B391e
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 Field, W. S.—English for New Americans 42-F457e
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 Sociology 30-G453r
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- Rauchenbusch, W.—Dare we be christians 24-R248d
- Rihbany, A. M.—The Syrian Christ 23-R571s
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee and Superintendent of Schools

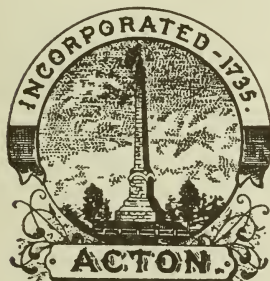
OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31

1916



THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE
HUDSON, MASS.
1917

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1917

March 16. Winter term closes14 weeks
 Vacation, One Week

March 26. Spring term opens

June 15. Spring term closes12 weeks
 Summer Vacation

1917-1918

Sept. 4. Fall term opens

Nov. 28. Fall term closes13 weeks
 Vacation (Thanksgiving and day following)

Dec. 3. Winter term opens

Vacation, Two Weeks (December 21-January 7)

1918

March 15. Winter term closes13 weeks
 Vacation, One Week

March 25. Spring term opens

June 14. Spring term closes12 weeks

Total38 weeks

SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

1917

- Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
- Apr. 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.
- Oct. 11. Columbus Day exercises, one hour.
- Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Day exercises, one hour.

1918

- Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
- Apr. 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

The words, "legal holiday," shall include the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October or Christmas day occurs on Sunday.

January 1 is now a holiday.

Arbor day occurs on the last Saturday in April, and is not a legal holiday.

Flag day occurs on June 14, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by any school then in session, by appropriate exercises.

SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

School Committee

Edwin A. Phalen, ChairmanTerm expires 1917
 Herbert W. LewisTerm expires 1918
 Bertram E. Hall, SecretaryTerm expires 1919

Superintendent

Frank H. Hill. Residence, Littleton, Mass.
 Telephone, 36-3, Littleton

Attendance Officers

Thomas Scanlon. Address, West Acton
 Asaph Parlin. Address, Acton Center
 Walter M. French. Address, South Acton

Janitors

Fred S. Glines. Address, South Acton
 Thomas Scanlon. Address, West Acton
 Asaph Parlin. Address, Acton Center

Teachers in Service, January, 1917

Teacher	School	Appointed	Educated	Home Address
Martha F. Smith	Center Primary	1902	Lowell Normal	Acton, Mass.
Ella L. Miller	Center Intermediate	1899	Frammingham Normal	North Acton, Mass.
Marion H. Barrett	Center Grammar	1915	Plymouth State Nor'l	Derry, N. H.
Elizabeth A. Hineckley	South Lower Primary	1909	Hyannis Normal	Hyannis
Julia L. McCarthy	South Upper Primary	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Jennie E. Stowell	South Intermediate	1907	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Emma M. Halliday	South Grammar	1914	Gorham, Me., Normal	Calais, Me.
Harriett H. Gardner	West Primary	1889	Ayer, Mass.	West Acton
Ruth L. Harrington	West Intermediate	1915	Fitchburg Normal	Lancenburg
Enla S. Taylor	West Grammar	1909	Mt. Holyoke	South Acton
Mildred Brennon	Supervisor of Music	1916	Plymouth Normal Northampton Weaver System	Lowell
Marion C. Taylor	Supervisor of Drawing	1912	Mass. Normal Art.	Acton

STANDING RULES

*Rule 1. Children under five years shall not be admitted to the public schools.

Rule 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

Rule 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

Rule 4. Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them until returned to the teacher.

Rule 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

Rule 6. There shall be no signal for "no school" on stormy or other inclement days, but parents shall determine in their individual cases whether it is expedient to send their children to school or not.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the 15th day of the month it is reckoned as falling up on the first day of that month.

GENERAL REPORT.

In presenting our report for 1916, and our estimates of expenses for 1917, we have used the old form which has been used for several years, but would also like to show the comparison between the amounts asked for in 1916, and the amounts actually expended, or that should properly have been expended from school funds. We say "properly expended," as while the State Board of Education does not require it, it seems to be the consensus of opinion of those of the town officials with whom we have talked, that all the items for agricultural scholars should be disbursed by this committee, but this was impossible during the last year because of lack of funds.

It will be seen that while some of our estimates were high, others fell below, but the aggregate of actual school needs figures to just about what the committee asked for. It is not easy to estimate the amount needed for some items, for instance, about a year ago, during a heavy gale we lost part of the ventilating plant from the top our West school building. To replace this cost us about seventy dollars. Then in December, 1915, the valuation of our town taxable property went over the two and one-half million mark and we lost the amount usually paid by the State from the income of Massachusetts school funds, amounting to about eleven or twelve hundred dollars and considering the amount of money involved, we feel that our estimate for 1916 was fairly correct. Following we show the amounts asked for in 1916, and the amount required:

	Amt. asked for	Amt. required Actually paid
For general expenses:		
Salaries and other expenses of committee	\$100.00	\$93.68
Salary and other expense of superintendent and truant officers	600.00	665.91
Instruction:		
Tuition of pupils attending out of town schools	8,000.00	*7,815.41
Salary of elementary teachers	5,890.00	5,646.18
Textbooks	290.00	147.66
Stationery and supplies	313.00	423.88
Wages of janitors and fuel	1,795.00	1,960.23
Maintenance and repairs	375.00	556.60
Health	75.00	87.50
Transportation:		
High school	2,300.00	2,045.19
Elementary	1,850.00	1,849.00
	<hr/> \$21,588.00	\$21,291.24

*Amount paid by school committee, \$5,813.67; unpaid \$1,243.04; paid from other funds \$758.70.

The amount paid under item, "salary and other expenses of superintendent," was somewhat increased owing to the fact that at the annual meeting of the joint committee of this school district, it was voted to allow the superintendent five dollars per week for the services of a secretary, the expense to be borne proportionately by the several towns in this district. The tuition of pupils attending outside schools was a little less than was estimated, owing to the dropping out of several of the expected high school scholars, and in this connection we must acknowledge the prediction of the finance committee.

Teachers' salaries decreased because we did not have to hire an additional teacher in South Acton, as we did the previous year. Stationery and supplies increased because of an unexpected demand and also on account of higher prices. Transportation of high school scholars fell off for the same reason as the expense of tuition. Wages of janitors, etc., increased because of the extra cost of fuel. Repairs increased because of the extra expense incurred in the installation of water in the South school. With the introduction of town water, it was found that the sanitary arrangements and the sewerage system were entirely inadequate. This necessitated extra expense.

In the estimate for repairs for 1917, we have asked for an increase over last year as we desire, if our request for funds is granted, to renovate the interior of the South school so that it may compare favorably with our other schools and town buildings, not only as regards appearance, but we desire that the house may be made bright and sanitary for our children who spend such a considerable part of their time there.

In making our estimate for 1917, we have tried to be conservative, bearing in mind the steadily advancing cost of labor and all commodities.

In conclusion, may we ask your careful consideration of these matters, and we trust for your earnest support, so that this committee, who have in hand matters which so vitally affect the future welfare of our boys and girls, may not be handicapped in their efforts.. Following is a detail of estimated expenses for 1917, and receipts and expenses for 1916.

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1917

For general expenses:

Salaries and other expenses of
the committee \$100.00

Salaries and other expenses of
the superintendent and truant
officer 675.00

For expenses of instruction:

Tuition of pupils attending out
of town schools 8,000.00

Salaries of elementary school
teachers 5,865.00

For textbooks:

For elementary schools it is antici-
pated that the amount to be
received from dog tax will
cover this item 275.00

For stationery and supplies:

Elementary schools 425.00

For expenses of operating school plants:

Wages of janitors, fuel and mis-
cellaneous expenses 2,000.00

Maintenance and repairs 500.00

For auxiliary agencies:

Health 90.00

For transportation:

High school scholars 2,300.00

Elementary scholars	1,850.00	
Balance 1916 tuition	1,243.04	
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Total		\$23,323.04
Less estimated income from various outside sources		1,200.00
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		\$22,123.04

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1916

Appropriated at town meeting		\$18,000.00
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Industrial school, superintendent fund, and tuition		846.46
Dog tax		319.32
Sale of old books:		
Finney & Hoit	\$29.42	
L. D. White	2.50	
E. E. Babb	25.00	
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		56.92
Tuition:		
E. Sadler	19.50	
C. Gouch	15.75	
Town of Stow	25.50	
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		60.75
B. & M. R. R., refund		6.00
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Total receipts		\$19,289.45

DISBURSEMENTS

 General Expenses

School Committee

Salaries:

Paid B. E. Hall, salary 1916	\$75.00
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Miscellaneous:

Paid News-Enterprise, printing school reports	\$11.00
E. C. Page	1.35
B. E. Hall, telephone tolls, postage	6.28
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	\$18.63

Superintendent of Schools and Enforcement of Law

Paid Frank H. Hill, superintendent ..	\$577.50
W. M. French	3.00
Asaph Parlin	4.00
Thomas Scanlon	5.50
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	\$590.00

Miscellaneous:

Paid Frank H. Hill, stationery and telephone	\$14.05
Eleanor L. Hill, secretary to superintendent	61.86
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	\$75.91

Expense of Instruction

Paid Town of Concord, high	\$5,040.42
Town of Concord, agricultural .	573.25
City of Lowell, industrial	200.00

\$5,813.67

Elementary Schools

Paid Harriet H. Gardner	\$570.00
E. Sophia Taylor	505.65
Ruth L. Harrington	490.00
Ella L. Miller	400.50
Martha F. Smith	520.50
Marion H. Barrett	490.00
Emma M. Halliday	547.00
Elizabeth A. Hineckley	520.50
Julia L. McCarthy	520.50
Jennie E. Stowell	520.50
Mrs. Forrest K. Howe	13.50
Alice M. Genthner	121.10
Mildred Brennan	78.98
Marion C. Taylor	212.45
Emma M. Gordon	135.00

\$5,646.18

Text Books

Paid Edward E. Babb & Company ..	\$122.11
Ginn & Company .....	.64
Thompson, Brown & Company ..	.21
American Book Company	9.01
Silver, Burdett & Company	10.56
The Orville-Brewer Publishing Company	3.00
The A. S. Barnes Company	1.88
D. Hennessey .....	.25

\$147.66

Stationery and Supplies

Paid Finney & Hoit	\$8.58	
Fred S. Glines	1.45	
The Industrial association	25.00	
Edward E. Babb & Company ...	363.11	
Ginn & Company	2.38	
Huntley S. Turner	2.07	
E. C. Page .....	.50	
Dowling School Supply Company	16.10	
J. L. Hammett Company80	
Ella L. Miller	1.20	
Thomas Scanlon	1.82	
Tuttle & Newton87	
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		\$423.88

Expenses of Operating School Plants

Wages of Janitors

Paid Fred S. Glines	\$380.00	
Thomas Scanlon	351.00	
Asaph Parlin	304.00	
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		\$1,035.00

Fuel

Paid A. H. Perkins	\$22.00	
W. H. Kingsley	4.00	
Hall Brothers Company	1.25	
S. A. Coal & Lumber Company .	735.66	
T. E. Downie	14.00	
L. W. Richardson	5.00	
Overseers of Poor	66.25	
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		\$848.16

Miscellaneous

Paid M. E. Taylor & Company	\$7.16
W. & S. Water Supply	30.00
C. L. Chase & Son	20.70
American Woolen Company ...	3.60
Tuttle & Newton .....	.42
H. W. Lewis	4.82
Edw. E. Babb & Company	1.12
Fred S. Glines	1.25
Hopkinson & Holden	6.00
D. Hennessey	2.00

 \$77.07

Maintenance

Repairs

Paid Chandler & Barber Company ..	\$8.10
F. Z. Taylor	4.76
E. T. Rice	108.50
Davis, King Company	2.75
C. H. Mead & Company	23.35
Tuttle & Newton	2.52
Finney & Hoit	10.20
E. A. Phalen	46.75
Thomas F. Parker	2.40
E. Z. Stanley	7.65
S. A. Coal & Lumber Company .	59.19
J. T. McNiff .....	.50

 \$276.67

Auxiliary Agencies

Health

Paid F. S. Glines	\$.50
George B. Robbins Disinfectant	

Company	70.00
D. W. Hennessey	15.50
Asaph Parlin	1.50

\$87.50

Transportation

High School:

Paid Boston & Maine R. R.	\$1,491.81
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	433.55
H. W. Bursaw	21.30
Mrs. Fred Brill	10.68
A. H. Gilmore	2.00

\$1,959.34

Lowell Industrial:

Paid B. & M. R. R.	\$14.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	71.85

\$85.85

Elementary:

Paid W. M. French	\$354.00
Charles Edwards	545.00
Jens Mekkelsen	532.00
A. Christofferson	418.00

\$1,849.00 \$3,894.19

Outlays

New Equipment:

Paid West & South Water Supply District	\$42.78
E. Z. Stanley	180.00
D. Hennessey	2.00

William H. Kingsley	40.75	
S. A. Coal & Lumber Company .	14.40	
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		\$279.93
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Total disbursements	\$19,289.45	

Unpaid Bills

Town of Concord (balance 1916 tuition)	\$1,243.04
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Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
 HERBERT W. LEWIS,
 BERTRAM E. HALL,
 Committee.

Acton, January 27, 1917.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the Committee:

Following is my seventh annual report, the twenty-fifth in the series of such reports.

An attempt was made last year to raise the standard of advancement to the Concord high school over that of previous years, with the policy in mind of requiring the same degree of proficiency in grade work for whatever course to be taken in the high school. The result was that several eighth grade pupils were not promoted, and are still in the Acton schools. They will no doubt go on to Concord next fall, and, with a better academic preparation, do much more satisfactory work even in the vocational subjects they may elect. In the agricultural department, age instead of rank is the standard of admission. When a boy is fourteen years of age he is eligible to enter that department whether judged to be entitled to promotion or not.

One of the standing rules of the committee is: "Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools." A child who is five in September may enter the schools and be ready to go into the high school at thirteen. It is too young for the average child to enter high school. It is a period when such a child should be near those who know him. He is not ready for the readjustments that must come in his new environment. He is not ready to choose companions among so many new schoolmates. He is not ready to be trusted alone so many hours from home. If his choice is the agricultural department he cannot enter it until he is fourteen. The same reason should deter him from

entering any vocational department until he is fourteen. For these reasons I recommend that the age of entrance to the public schools be raised to six years.

For agricultural students we are being charged \$130 per year, one-half of which tuition is paid by the state. For each subject outside the agricultural course, a charge of \$16.00 additional is made. As the agricultural students take two subjects, English and science, in addition to the agricultural work, the cost to the town per pupil amounts to \$97.00. The tuition received for such a course from all courses is \$162.00. Add to this about \$20.00 for transportation and it makes the agricultural course seem an expensive one. The doubt has arisen in my mind as to whether the agricultural students can do justice to themselves in taking so much work. This may be the reason for some failures in this department in the last year.

I have held two general teachers' meetings in Acton since September. As often as once a month during the remainder of the year, teachers' meetings will be held, and the special subject for the year will be English, with the greatest emphasis laid upon oral expression. It is hoped that, as one result of this series of meetings, pupils will be better taught to express themselves logically and fully upon any given subject than now. The influence of this work upon written themes ought to be considerable. "Common Sense Didactics," by Sabin, has been selected as a book for general reading and discussion. In this way, I hope to make the year professionally profitable for the teachers, both by a general review of school conditions and by the special application of thought to a single subject of the program.

As work certificates and special home permits are based upon birth certificates as one condition, and upon school attendance of one hundred thirty days after the thirteenth birthday, as another condition, it would seem reasonable to require that children approaching their thirteenth birthday should deposit their birth certificates with the teacher as a part of the school record. Upon leaving town to acquire a

school residence elsewhere, the birth certificate could be given to the child with his discharge card. More preliminary correspondence, and consequent delay, comes from the lack of a birth certificate when a work permit is desired than from any other cause. If, upon entering school, a birth certificate was deposited, and one required from pupils thirteen years of age, in a few years we should have a complete and absolutely correct record. Heretofore, the school register, our only immediate reference, has been very unsatisfactory evidence of birthday data.

Parents having their children educated in any town other than their legal residence should clearly pay tuition for such children. We should all make it an object to see that such parents or guardians are immediately made acquainted with the law relating to such pupils, that they may entertain no doubts as to the rights of the town in such cases. As it is not easy to follow up such cases after the child has left the school, as often happens during the year, the simplest way to administer this law might be to send a bill for tuition for a period of ten or twelve weeks in advance, as soon as the child is registered, the teacher to send all necessary information at once to the secretary of the school committee.

Numerous complaints of a minor nature have come to me in an indirect manner showing some friction between the management of the schools in South Acton and some of the parents of that section. Parents are usually interested to the point of complaining only when the liberties or rights of their children are affected. Liberties and rights are relative and dependent upon the liberties and rights of others, and especially it is the function of the teacher to decide under what conditions certain apparent liberties and rights may be exercised to the end that proper school discipline may be protected. So far as possible teachers are expected to consider the individual child and his development; but when that care involves the well being of the school, the school should have first consideration. The average teacher is less inclined to be prejudiced in favor of the individual child

than the fond mother; and on the other hand the average teacher is more inclined to stand erect for the school she is responsible for than the parent whose single son or daughter is the only object under her eye. I am sure that all misunderstandings could be cleared away if the parents, including the few with complaints to offer, should meet with the teachers and superintendent for a conference and explanation of school ideals and responsibilities. In mutual understanding the cause for any friction should be found preventable. No teacher can afford to lay herself open to the charge of being arbitrary and unreasonable, and parents should be equally anxious to avoid the imputation. I recommend to parents and teachers alike the get-together spirit, for the good of all.

Several text-book houses have notified me that prices will be advanced January 1, 1917. Prices of all kinds of school supplies advanced some time ago. It is not expected that the situation will change in the near future. It is probable that the expenditures for books and supplies will increase rather than decrease next year. To be entirely safe seventy-five dollars should be estimated as the possible increase and added to the usual appropriation.

For the benefit of parents who think they have the right to keep children from school occasionally to help about the house and farm, I will quote, in part, the law relating to attendance as passed and approved March 18, 1915: "Every child between seven and fourteen years of age . . . and every child under sixteen years of age who has not received an employment certificate . . . or has not the written permission of the superintendent of schools . . . to engage in profitable employment at home, shall attend a public day school in said city or town or some other day school approved by the school committee, during the entire time the public schools are in session. . . . The superintendent of schools, or teachers in so far as authorized by said superintendent or by the school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence for other causes not exceeding seven day sessions or

fourteen half-day sessions in any period of six months.” And further: “Every person having under his control a child as described in section one shall cause him to attend school as therein required, and, if he fails for seven day sessions or fourteen half-day sessions within any period of six months while such control obtains, to cause such child to attend school he shall, upon complaint by an attendance officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars, and no physical or mental condition which is capable of correction, or which renders the child a fit subject for special instruction at public charge in institutions other than public day schools, shall avail as defence under the provisions of this or the preceding section, unless it shall be made to appear that the defendant has employed all reasonable measures for the correction of the condition and the suitable instruction of the child. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child while school is in session, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten, nor more than fifty dollars.”

In concluding this report I have to thank the committee for their generous and continued support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

Acton, January 8, 1917.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Superintendent Frank H. Hill :

Dear Sir—I submit the following as my fifth annual report on drawing in the schools of Acton, Mass.

Since beginning my work in the schools of Acton I have been very much encouraged by the enthusiasm with which most of our pupils take hold of the work. I can watch from year to year, the improvement and advancement in the individual pupils. I also can recall a few pupils, that simply ignored art at first, but now are some of my best workers. Some are still continuing their good work at the Concord high school. The work of this year has progressed as well as I could expect under the several difficulties we have to contend with, but I do feel, that better work can be accomplished, if the grade teachers would only have the pupils be more particular. In some cases the papers show untidiness and carelessness. That can be overcome in time I feel very sure.

I do not think that I need to repeat the work covered from grade to grade, as it is very much the same as last year's work, with few exceptions. I will say here, though, that I am trying to make the art subject as practical as possible this year by introducing household furnishings, or the study of interior decoration. I am hoping to teach the girls and boys of this town to have very orderly homes and rooms of their own. We are working out drawings of a side of a room and choosing a good color scheme for that picture; we also are learning how to group objects on a mantel or on the table, to avoid an unbalanced effect or a crowded appearance.

Appropriate shades and draperies are chosen and draped artistically, pictures are hung correctly on the wall. In a short time I feel that the pupils will understand the subject quite well. Both boys and girls are interested in this subject, as they can design an imaginary room of their own. After all this work I feel that the Acton schools lack training in any vocation; our boys and girls should be taught sewing and manual training on a small scale. At South Acton the principal of the school has been struggling along with sewing, on a small scale, but she has done well under the conditions she has to contend with. At Acton Center there is a nice sewing machine, but nobody can spare the time to use it, and at West Acton neither sewing or manual training work have been attempted at all, owing to shortage of time and having three grades in the grammar room.

I could go ahead with this work and devote a half-day in each village if the committee agreed to have the work carried out, but I could not do the work on the present salary. At West Acton a few benches could be put up, in the vacant room and a few tools could be bought for a small amount of money, and some packing boxes could be used up to supply pupils with lumber. A number of articles can be made from cigar boxes, so the expense would not be very heavy.

At South Acton and Acton Center we do not have the extra room, which we have at West Acton, but I know some work can be done and the town would not regret the extra expense, which would not be very heavy. I have felt for some time that the elementary grades are not getting all they should along the vocational line in their education. Some pupils going to Concord high school, taking the mechanics art course and domestic science course, are unprepared.

I hope that this matter will be considered so we may give our boys and girls in Acton a better education.

In closing my report I wish to thank all that have co-

operated and helped to make my work a success throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION CELESTE TAYLOR,

Supervisor of Drawing.

Acton, December 28th, 1916.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. F. H. Hill, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir—I herewith present my first report of the work in music in the Acton schools. I think that the first three grades cover the most important period of development in music, for the foundation of sight reading and proper tone production is established in these grades.

We are devoting much time in the lower grades to individual work and every new problem that is presented is being drilled individually. If pupils become able to sing independently in the lower grades the most difficult problem of upper grade work will be solved—that is, part singing.

I have found it advisable in the work of the first four years to give a separate lesson to each grade, even where there are two grades in a room. If two grades sing together the lower grade allows itself to be carried along instead of doing independent work.

All pupils, when they leave the grammar school, should be able to sing correctly in parts the familiar songs, the songs of the people, that are being so widely used in promoting "Community Music." We are spending considerable time in the seventh and eighth grades learning these songs. The majority of pupils will eventually become listeners, not performers, and they should be taught to understand and appreciate the best in music. The victrola is of great help in this line of work and in connection with its use I plan to take up the lives and works of famous composers, instruments of the orchestra and band, and music forms, such as opera and oratorio.

I wish to thank the teachers and superintendent for their interest and co-operation in carrying on the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED L. BRENNON,
Supervisor of Music.

ROLL OF HONOR

Not Absent or Tardy for One Year

West Primary—Haverlock Schnair.

West Intermediate—Warren Boyce.

Center Primary—Louis Livermore, Olga Pederson, Inga Pederson.

Center Intermediate—Roland Flagg.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

School examined	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
West	89	5	1	6
Center	87	5	0	5
South	133	9	0	7
Total	309	19	1	18

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1916

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number children between 5 and 7 ...	27	30	57
Number children between 7 and 14 ..	132	125	257
Number children between 14 and 16 .	26	20	46
Number minors between 14 and 16 who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children 16 years of age or over and under 21 years of age	0	0	0
Total	185	175	360

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

	South	West	Center
Number of cases investigated	7	6	5
Number returned to school	6	6	3
Number committed to truant school .	0	0	0
Estimated cost	\$8.05	\$1.00	\$3.25

SCHOOL SAVINGS

	Number Depositors	Amount Collected
South Acton	71	\$342.54
West Acton	78	179.89
Acton Center	22	135.60
Totals	171	\$658.03

Number Graduated from Grammar Schools

	Boys	Girls	Total
South Acton	6	6	12
West Acton	7	4	11
Acton Center	6	3	9
Total	19	13	32

Acton Pupils in Concord High

	Class 1917	Class 1918	Class 1919	Class 1920	Total
Commercial course	5	1	5	9	20
College course	0	2	2	5	9
General course	3	1	3	1	8
Scientific course	0	1	1	2	4
Domestic Arts course	3	5	4	4	16
Mechanic Arts course	0	6	3	8	17
Agricultural course	2	1	5	1	9
Total	13	17	23	30	83

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1915-1916

School	Grades	Different Pupils Enrolled		Total Membership	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	No. between 5 and 7		No. between 7 and 14		No. between 14 and 16		Number under 5		Number over 16	
		B	G					B	G								
West	1-2-3	20	16	36	5559.5	30.88	34.60	10	9	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4-5-6	12	12	25	3831.5	21.62	24.11	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7-8	20	17	37	5985.5	33.39	35.20	0	0	16	17	4	0	0	0	0	0
South	1-2	21	21	42	5687	31.90	37.70	12	14	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3-4	14	20	40	5407	30.30	33.50	0	0	14	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5-6	17	16	34	5222.5	29.51	32.78	0	0	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Center	7-8	16	13	30	4567.5	25.50	28.60	0	0	8	7	7	6	1	0	0	0
	1-2-3	26	13	39	5495	30.35	31.77	12	11	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4-5-6	19	14	38	5491.5	30.39	32.13	0	0	18	14	1	0	0	0	0	0
	7-8	12	8	20	3143.5	17.36	18.66	0	0	10	6	2	2	0	0	0	0
		177	150	341	50390.5	281.20	309.05	34	34	128	108	14	8	1	0	0	0

Number Entering Concord High, September, 1916

	Boys	Girls	Total
Acton Center	3	2	5
South Acton	5	8	13
West Acton	6	4	10
East Acton	3	0	3
North Acton	1	0	1
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Totals	18	14	32

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